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Clarke to get tough with hard-core teenage crime

■ John Major is demanding a crusade against crime and moves to hold persistent young offenders in secure units are being backed by Tory and Labour politicians

BY SHEILA GUNN AND RICHARD FORD

TEENAGE criminals are to be sent to new-look approved schools for the nineties under a tough regime to punish persistent offenders being prepared by the home secretary.

As the prime minister called yesterday for a national crusade against crime, Kenneth Clarke and his Labour counterpart, Tony Blair, agreed that some young criminals had to be punished, restrained and rehabilitated. Mr Clarke spoke of "nasty pieces of work" who needed to be taught right from wrong, while Mr Blair said that some youngsters who were plainly out of control had become a menace to their local communities.

Mr Clarke plans to introduce a white paper soon to give courts the power to send children aged between 12 and 15 who have a string of convictions to new approved school-style units. There, they would be subjected to a mixture of discipline, training, education and psychological therapy. The move would, however, require legislation and the units are unlikely to open before 1995.

Ministers are also considering giving courts the power to send young offenders directly to local authority secure units. At the moment, they can only put them into council care, leaving social service departments to decide on the type of unit, and there is some concern that social workers are reluctant to put teenagers into the secure units.

Mr Clarke said on BBC Radio yesterday that social workers "have got to accept that they are not succeeding with children at the moment. It is no good them mouthing political rhetoric about why children in their care are so delinquent."

In the meantime, the government is to crack down on offenders of all ages who commit further crimes while on bail. John Major yesterday promised to hit "bail bandits" within weeks with a Bill under which courts would have new powers to remand suspects in custody if there was the slightest reason to believe that they would re-offend. The courts would be able to regard the act of offending while on bail as more serious than the original offence and could impose an average sentence of two years in jail, "not just to be a deterrent but to instil respect for the rule of law".

In an interview with *The Mail on Sunday*, Mr Major described crime as the sleeping giant of worries for most people, adding: "I would like the public to have a crusade against crime and change their attitude from being forgiving of crime to being considerate to the victim. Society needs to condemn a little more and understand a little less."

Turning to juvenile crime, he said: "The group we are concerned with are those who offend, re-offend and offend again. In letting that continue, we actually let those youngsters down. We instil in their minds that there is nothing people can do to take action against their bad behaviour."

Labour will also address that problem today when Mr Blair launches *Getting a Grip on Juvenile Crime*, which will call for more local authority accommodation for young offenders, but resist Mr Clarke's plan for regimes similar to the old approved schools. Mr Blair believes that persistent offenders should be detained as close as possible to their families and he will call for improved co-ordination between schools, social workers, police and local authorities to identify and deal with families and children at risk.

Mr Blair is critical of the lack of liaison between the different agencies dealing with truancy, drug abuse, employment training, homelessness and problem families. "We need a strategy which is both tough on crime and tough on the causes of crime, that ensures that society is properly protected from criminal behaviour, but also tries to deal with some of the underlying problems," he said.

The home secretary, however, said that it was no good some people "permanently finding excuses for the behaviour for a section of the population who are essentially nasty pieces of work".

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TEEN TEARAWAYS

The first time we did it, we were sitting in the house at four o'clock in the morning and none of us could get to sleep, so he said to me "What can we do cos we're bored?" and I said "We could steal a car if you want." Two of the boys didn't want to, then two said "Come on, let's do it for a laugh". So we all went and did it for a laugh.

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In full flood: water engulfs houses near Brandall in Norfolk yesterday after the river Yare burst its banks

Helicopters lift 380 oil workers to safety

BY ADAM FRESCO

HUNDREDS of people were evacuated from their homes along the east coast yesterday when high tides and gales caused widespread flooding. Holiday bungalows collapsed and were swept away after the sea washed away their foundations.

Helicopters lifted 380 men from an accommodation rig in the North Sea after it was forced by bad weather to break free from an oil platform, leaving 117 workers on board the Swedish-owned vessel, *Safe Supporter*.

In Gorleston, Great Yarmouth, about 400 people, mostly from bed and breakfast accommodation, were taken to local schools as the sea breached defences. Villages were also evacuated on the coast at Walcott, Hemsby and Morston.

The A47 was closed between Norwich and Great Yarmouth when the river Bure burst its banks at Acle. British Rail cancelled train services between Norwich and Lowestoft and a 1½-mile stretch of sea defences was swept away at Cley, in north Norfolk.

A spokesman for Norfolk police said: "The strong winds and the high tide are causing flooding along the coast. About 600 people have been evacuated and we have lost beach huts at Yarmouth, five holiday bungalows at Hemsby and three bungalows at Walcopp, near Yarmouth, although there are no injuries."

Emergency services were on standby for a further high tide last night.

On Humberside, the Spurn Head wildlife sanctuary, at the entrance to the Humber, was evacuated when the peninsular road was breached by the sea in two places.

Flood warnings were issued in Essex

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Heseltine blamed over DAF

BY ROSS TIEMAN, INDUSTRIAL CORRESPONDENT

MICHAEL Heseltine, the President of the Board of Trade, faced another dispute over industrial policy yesterday after the British operations of the collapsed Anglo-Dutch lorry group DAF were excluded from a rescue package because the government refused to contribute.

Administrators have secured a state-sponsored £439 million rescue package for the Dutch and Belgian operations, with continental governments investing £101 million to save 3,500 DAF jobs, and thousands more among suppliers. But despite enthusiasm at the new group, DAF Trucks, to sell lorries from the Leyland DAF lorry plant in Lancashire, Louis Deterink, the Dutch administrator said: "In Britain we were unable to contribute to a solution, mainly because the British government would not help."

The new company's finances will be assisted by £4.7 million in loans raised by Dutch trade unions.

John Talbot, joint administrative receiver to Leyland DAF, said: "Had DAF Trucks, as it had initially hoped, been in a position to include certain of the UK operations, this would have offered a faster track solution."

Mr Heseltine defended Britain's failure to join the Dutch government and the Flemish state parliament in refinancing the group. "I don't think it is right for the taxpayer automatically to be expected to pick up the pieces if there are better solutions. The government wrote off £680 million of Leyland's debt before merging it with DAF in 1987. What we are trying to find is a market solution that will give long-term security."

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London-Glasgow railway at risk over safety doubts

BY TIM JONES, TRANSPORT CORRESPONDENT

THE InterCity west coast railway line from London to Glasgow needs an investment of at least £800 million to bring it up to the standard enjoyed by passengers elsewhere.

The government has been warned of the risk of closure within seven years unless signalling and telecommunications equipment is replaced. A report says that, to avert closure on safety grounds, at least an extra £18 million to £35 million will have to be spent on the line over the next six years. A new timetable, which is to be introduced in May, will lengthen journey times for the 30,000 passengers who use the line each day. The change is an admission that the 856-mile system is facing serious problems.

The last modernisation was 30 years ago. A consultation document published last October said that the rolling stock was nearly 25 years old, the track poor and the signalling unreliable.

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Police to cordon off court for Bulger case

BY RONALD FAUX

POLICE will ring South Sefton magistrates court in Bootle, Merseyside, today when two boys aged ten appear charged with abducting and murdering two-year-old James Bulger. They are also accused of attempting to abduct another child.

Supt Paul Burrell, head of Bootle police station, appealed for calm outside the court to assist the legal process and allow the needs of James's family to be met. His call was echoed by Sean Sexton, the solicitor for James's parents, who said: "The last thing the family would want is for there to be any public disturbance."

Access to the court today will be restricted to those immediately concerned and three press representatives, for what is expected to be a brief hearing to hold the boys in custody to a later date.

The killing has roused a deep sense of revulsion in Merseyside and police are anxious to avoid any repetition of the scuffles that followed the earlier arrest of a 12-year-old boy in Kirkdale, Liverpool, who was later released.

The deep sense of shock which James' death has dealt to the community in north Liverpool was reflected yesterday in church services in the city and in the growing carpet of flowers and toys covering an embankment near where his body was found. A Salvation Army band played hymns there yesterday, and stretched across the grass was a 4ft banner from a Liverpool school bearing the words "You'll Never Walk Alone".

In the Roman Catholic cathedral a big congregation heard prayers for James' family and those of the two accused boys. Money poured in at police stations throughout Liverpool for a memorial fund to James.

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Clinton to order Bosnia airdrops

FROM WOLFGANG MÜNCHAU IN WASHINGTON AND ADAM LEBOR IN BELGRADE

THE Clinton administration is about to announce relief supply drops by American military aircraft for Muslims in eastern Bosnia. The move is designed to complement UN relief efforts in the region, and signals an increase in direct American involvement in the Bosnian civil war, though with less risk to American servicemen than operations on the ground.

Mr Clinton told reporters as he left the White House for California that his team was consulting other UN Security Council members on "extra help with food and medicine for Bosnia". Britain and France may be expected to contribute. The issue will feature in John Major's first official meeting with President Clinton on Wednesday.

Clinton: keen to start mercy flights

Bosnian Serb forces yesterday allowed a ten-truck UN relief convoy to reach the Muslim enclave of Zepa. The UN refugee agency announced it was resuming full operations in Bosnia after receiving assurances that the three warring factions would no longer block aid convoys.

A statement from the office of Sadako Ogata, the UN High Commissioner for Refu-

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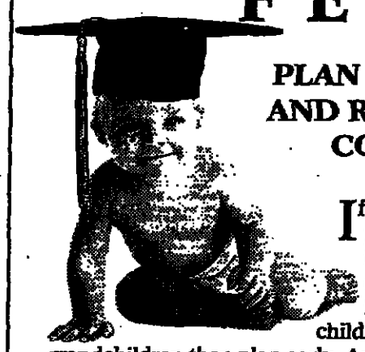

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Opponents claim secure units may lead juveniles to commit more crime

Tories 'repeating old mistakes' in plans for young offenders

By Richard Ford
Home Correspondent

■ Critics of a planned return to approved school-style units to deal with teenagers fear a repeat of mistakes of the past

THE Conservative party's latest initiative to curb teenage crime has been condemned by penal reform groups, which claim the home secretary's plans are a return to failed methods of the past.

They warned that creating units similar to approved schools for persistent young offenders would prove an expensive failure and risked making bad people worse. It would do nothing to tackle communal roots of criminality.

Fourteen years after coming to power, the Conservatives have almost come full circle in their attitudes to young offenders. Having begun with the "short, sharp, shock" approach, the party gradually accepted the prevailing Home Office wisdom of sentences in the community, only to return this year to tougher remedies.

Increasing complaints from senior police officers and backbench MPs, together with a series of cases involving teenagers apparently breaking the law at will, has convinced Kenneth Clarke to propose units similar to approved schools for persistent offenders aged 12 to 15.

According to figures published today, Britain already locks up a greater proportion of young people than many other states in Europe. A Prison Reform Trust study shows 20.7 per cent of prisoners in England and Wales were under 21 compared with 10.8 per cent in France and 5.6 per cent in Spain.

Stephen Shaw, of the trust, said: "It is nonsensical to set up a new and highly expensive system of custody for children as young as 12. Research into the approved school system showed that far from being reformed, youngsters sent to approved schools left over 50 per cent more likely to commit crime than similar juveniles who had been dealt with in the community."

Research in the seventies showed that 65 per cent of first offenders placed in approved schools were reconvicted within five years. "We are not saying we have the solution. We hope that when they go back to their community they will see that life is not just about stealing cars and crime," said a Home Office source.

Initial findings from a survey of the 43 police forces in England and Wales and social services departments show that 106 juveniles were known to have committed ten or more offences in the three months to the end of last June.

Figures from the Home Office for young people cautioned or convicted show that in 1991 there were 149,000 known male offenders aged ten to 17 and 33,500 females. This is down from a peak of 219,000 males and 45,100 females in 1985.Only half of the fall can be explained by a drop of 19 per cent during the past decade in the number of juveniles in the population. Another reason may be an increase in the use of informal warnings and cautions.

The Home Office is planning five approved-school-type units, each with 40 places, to which persistent offenders aged 12 to 15 would be sent for six months to two years. They would serve between half and two thirds of their sentence in the unit, where they would receive education, training and pyschological treatment. Officials are recommending a maximum of 40 places per unit in an effortto prevent the institutionalisation of youngsters and to cut capital costs.

It has not been decided what criteria wil be used to decide whether offenders should be sent to the new units, which are likely to be built by the private sector and be operational by 1995.

At present young offenders given custodial sentences are put in one of 292 local authority places in secure accommodation across the country. The government has promised to add another 65 places by 1996. The weekly running cost is £1,680 per person compared with £2,794 in a youth treatment centre and £91·1 in a community home.

Officials are still working on how to supervise youngsters when they return to the community, given that many are likely to be from areas of social deprivation and families with a history of poor parenting.

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In memoriam: Natalie Wainwright, 7, places a candle in memory of two-year-old James Bulger at St Mary's church. Two boys have been charged with his murder

Kinnock presses Smith to weaken trade union link

By Sheila Gunn, Political Correspondent

JOHN Smith, the Labour leader, came under intense pressure yesterday from Neil Kinnock and others to end the role of trade unions in the selection of parliamentary candidates.

Mr Kinnock strongly criticised an option to be discussed at Wednesday's meeting of the national executive that would allow union members to continue to share in choosing candidates to stand for parliament by becoming "registered supporters".

The scheme would be "cumbersome, expensive and confusing", the former Labour leader warned yesterday as he urged his successor not to shy away from severing union links.

Speaking on BBC Television's *On the Record*, Mr Kinnock predicted the party would back the more radical reform of allowing only paid-up Labour party members to vote for candidates. "I think it's the view that will prevail simply because of the practicality as well as the democracy of one-member-one-vote, and the impracticality of diluted versions of that system.

"I think that such is the determination of the leader to get that democracy in the Labour party that a lot of the doubts will be put aside, and people will understand that it is the only rational and democratic way for us to proceed," Mr Kinnock said.

The Fabian Society also called for a one-member, one-vote system of voting for candidates in place of the existing electoral college, where party and union members can both vote. Mr Smith has not yet committed himself to any of the options for selecting candidates listed by the party's review into union links. However, he told *The Times* that he favoured an end to union involvement in the election of party leader, leaving the decision equally shared between MPs and party members. He also wants to reduce the union vote at party conference.

The review backed away from making firm recommendations but will present the ruling executive with a range of options. The executive will then consult the party.

The Fabian Society's report, published yesterday, calls for the abolition of the union block vote. "Nothing would be more damaging to the prospects of a Labour government than for the party to be led by an individual in whom it had no confidence."

□ Britain's trade unions should no longer rely solely on the Labour party for political influence, says a searching analysis of the image and performance of the union movement carried out for the Trades Union Congress by Mr Kinnock's former chief of staff (Philip Bassett writes).

In a study of the unions' public image prepared by Charles Clarke, trade unions are urged to adopt a more professional approach to influencing public affairs in Britain. "Trade unions are still perceived by far too many people as part of the industrial problem which Britain faces, rather than part of the solution".

Jobs oust crime as voters' worry

By Louise Hidalgo

UNEMPLOYMENT rather than crime is the issue likely to dominate the first by-election since the general election after the death last week of Judith Chaplin, Conservative MP for Newbury in Berkshire.

Few communities were more successful in the Thatcher boom years than this historic market town; few have declined so fast since.

The number of jobless, although still below the national average has almost quadrupled in the past two years to 7 per cent. Small businesses, the backbone of the area's success, are now floundering. "To let" signs litter the picturesque back streets and office space, once at a premium, stands empty.

The loss of prosperity rather than any increase in juvenile crime appeared to be the highest priority of most people asked their views in Newbury yesterday.

"The number of jobless is important to voters here because they have had such a history of success," said Paul Bodenham, 26, who moved to the town three years ago to work as a district council officer. "Newbury's identity is that of a prosperous town and it is one people want desperately to recover."

Noel Painting, 39, has been out of work since the packaging company he worked for as a slitter went into liquidation two years ago. He said: "Ten years ago if you lost your job around here you could walk into another one the next day. I went for a job last week and they offered me £3.50 an hour, half what I was getting two years ago. I can't afford to go off the dole for that with a mortgage to pay and two kids to look after.

"They used to call Newbury a Thatcher boom town. Now it's dying."

Across the way parishioners shuffled out from the morning service at St Nicholas's Church, in which the main theme was the setting up of an inter-parish scheme to help the unemployed. Outside, though, the talk was of Mrs Chaplin's unexpected death aged 53, after complications following an operation.

Elected last April, she had worked tirelessly in the constituency and had earned great personal popularity. Many believe her successor faces a difficult task to retain the 12,357 majority she won over the Liberal Democrats who control the local council and have strong public support.

Evelyn Swaite, 79, who has lived in Newbury for 50 years, said the area had traditionally been Conservative and she doubted that would change. But people were increasingly worried about unemployment, joyriding and crime in general.

Poor parenting breeds youth crime

By Our Home Correspondent

AT THE age of 23, Neville is on probation for handling stolen goods after a career in crime that began by stealing to get cash when he was just into his teens.

"Money, just money. To buy things with, you know, what my mother couldn't afford to buy us," he says. "And for my own pleasure. I wanted a motorbike. I couldn't afford to buy us one, so I went out and pinched one."

For another youth, boredom rather than money drove him to commit his first motor car offence. "We were just sitting in the house at four o'clock in the morning and none of us could get to sleep so he said to me 'what can we do 'cos we're bored?' and I said we could steal a car if you want."

As the government prepares an initiative to tame the teenage tearaways, research and the words of offenders highlight the complex range of issues to be confronted. Recent research has painted a grim picture of poor parenting, family breakdown, failure at school, limited work opportunities and involvement in drugs and alcohol as being factors associated with a propensity to offend.

A Home Office survey of car crime and persistent offending found that most of the sample had become involved while they were still in their early to mid-teens, came from socially deprived backgrounds and lived in urban areas of high unemployment. Most said their families were concerned about their level of offending but felt unable to intervene.

However, 11 out of a sample of a hundred car thieves said their parents were not bothered about them taking vehicles.

Other young offenders suffered from a lack of parental guidance, and insecure and disruptive childhoods in which their parents frequently changed partners. Jem, 20, on probation for deception, first went into care at the age of eight because he and his stepfather did not get on; he remained there until he was 17.

He has a brother and a sister by his mother and about 18 others by his father. "He's been married five times and leaves little bits and pieces wherever he goes," he told Gill Stewart and John Stewart, who carried out research into the social circumstances of young offenders for chief probation officers.

The prospect of custodial sentences did not appear to act as a deterrent to youngsters. Instead they were seen as an opportunity to learn new criminal skills and earn additional status in their community.

Clinton ready to order Bosnia food airdrops

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gees, said she had agreed with Boutros Boutros Ghali, the UN secretary-general, that operations would resume "as soon as possible". The United Nations refugee agency said its chief's pend most operations there had been proven right.

A spokeswoman for Mrs Ogata said food distribution in Sarajevo was expected to resume today. She said a 12-truck convoy carrying food and medicine would leave Belgrade today for the east Bosnian town of Gorazde.

Alija Izetbegovic, the Bosnian president, ended the Sarajevo boycott of relief supplies and called a unilateral ceasefire on all fronts. He said the boycott had served its purpose by "focusing the international spotlight on us."

Last nightUN officers in Bosnia gave a cool reception to Mr Clinton's airlift proposals. The operation would be similar to the Kurdish relief supply effort at the end of the Gulf war. But while allied forces there enjoyed air superiority, any air missions over Bosnia would have to fly over territory controlled by both local Bosnian Serb and Croat forces, both of whom have anti-aircraft batteries. Serb forces are also reportedly armed with guided missiles.

The Croatian war threatened to erupt again as the Adriatic town of Vodice was reportedly hit by 12 rockets and Biograd near by was shelled. Zagreb radio said that the fronts dividing Serb and Croat forces were quiet in the night between Saturday and Sunday.

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Peers ready to defy Howard on leases

Michael Howard, the environment secretary, has warned Conservative peers not to fight his bill to make landlords sell the freeholds of flats to leaseholders. Mr Howard told the peers, at a private meeting, that they must follow the convention that the House of Lords does not vote against reforms promised in a general election manifesto. Many Tory peers seem ready to defy Mr Howard and to say in tomorrow's second reading debate on the legislation that they will try to change proposals they see as legalised theft.

The government can rely on support from Labour and Liberal Democrat peers, but Tory critics will argue that compulsory sales will break up historic estates and affect charities, pension funds and other institutions that rely on the income. They also say that the proposals are at odds with ministers' calls for institutions to invest in rented property.

Tebbit urges revolt

Lord Tebbit predicted yesterday that Euro-sceptics could still wreck the Maastricht treaty, possibly through legal challenges in the courts. The former chairman of the Conservative party, speaking on *Walden*, the ITV programme, urged Tory MPs to vote for Labour's social chapter amendment, saying this would do John Major a favour. "If you are heading for a cliff edge at high speed in a car, it might be undignified to make a U-turn. But it is a damned sight better than going straight over the cliff," he said.

Brick wound charges

Eight men were charged last night with causing criminal damage with intent to endanger life after a policeman was seriously injured by a brick thrown through his patrol car windscreen. PC John Robinson, 37, who suffered multiple skull fractures and brain damage in the incident last Wednesday, is described as being in a stable condition in hospital after being taken off a life-support machine. The eight will appear before magistrates in Sunderland today. Their names were not released.

Gunmen shoot two

A pub doorman is seriously ill in hospital in Belfast after being shot in the head by the IRA. Police said two men were hit outside the Drury Lane pub, in Amelia Street, in the city centre on Saturday shortly before 11pm. As the gunmen sped off in a hijacked car they fired at passersby, apparently at random. Two other men were hit and both are in hospital. One is said to be in a stable condition, the other is described as ill.

Confusion over appointment of American envoy to Ulster

By Edward Gorman

TOM Foley, speaker of the US House of Representatives, is expected to be chosen as President Clinton's special envoy on Northern Ireland, official sources confirmed yesterday.

British diplomatic sources expressed confidence that he would accept the job. Sources in Washington, however, said he was not keen to take the mission, which he had been informally asked to undertake by State Department officials.

Mr Foley is not convinced of the need for such a mission and will also be fully occupied over the coming months trying to steer President Clinton's new economic recovery package through Congress.

Sources made it clear that the British government is now happy with the revised plan, following intensive lobbying of the Clinton administration by diplomats in Washington.

Originally Mr Clinton envisaged a "peace envoy" but this has now been scaled down to a fact-finding mission, something that is likely to have limited impact on the development of the Irish question, much to the British government's relief.

The government had been concerned that an American-sponsored attempt to bring the parties to the table would have amounted to interference in Britain's domestic affairs. There were also fears that however well-meaning American intentions had been, a dramatic intervention by Washington could have been counter-productive and could delay political progress.

A principal reason for this is that virtually any American envoy is likely to be perceived by unionists as pro-nationalist and thus unwelcome. This has already been the case with Mr Foley, who at the weekend was dismissed by David Trimble, Ulster Unionist MP for Upper Bann, as an "Irish nationalist".

He said that Mr Foley was identified with John Hume, leader of the SDLP. "How could Bill Clinton expect to receive an impartial report on the Northern Ireland situation from someone who is dyed in the wool in terms of his Irish nationalist views?" Mr Trimble said.

Mr Foley is a well-known Anglophile and apparently fears that the Irish-American community would attack him as a British poodle if his report was other than hostile. The speaker has not yet been formally asked but "he's not wildly enthusiastic", said one source.

State Department officials apparently sounded out the Speaker's aides as they sought to cobble together a compromise before John Major's first meeting with Bill Clinton on Wednesday.

Mr Clinton is under pressure from Ray Flynn, the Boston mayor, Congressman Bruce Morrison of Connecticut and other prominent Irish-Americans to keep an election pledge, first made while he was struggling to win the New York primary, to appoint a US envoy to Northern Ireland.

The officials believed Mr Clinton could do so without upsetting the British government by appointing a fact-finder rather than an envoy who was sympathetic to the British point of view. The British government has indicated that it would have no objection to the administration seeking to inform itself better on the situation in Northern Ireland so long as it was a one-off trip conducted after next May's local elections and was not presented as a negotiating mission.

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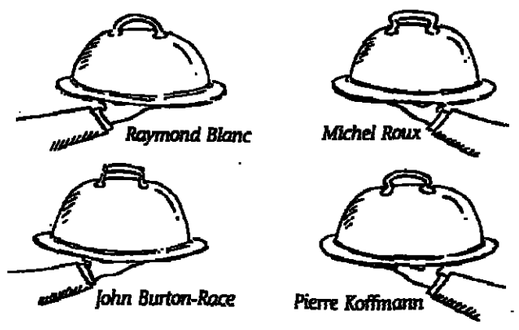
RELAIS & CHATEAUX.

Next Saturday The Times dishes up more than the usual food for thought.



Culinary genius apart, what do these celebrated chefs have in common? All of their establishments belong to Relais & Châteaux, an association with such high standards of excellence that only 23 British restaurants and hotels are members. And all of them will be throwing open their doors through a series of exclusive and unprecedented offers in The Times. Details will appear in the Weekend section of next Saturday's Times, the paper that feeds body and mind.

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Half-term holiday turns into tragedy

Family of climbers perish in treacherous mountain weather

BY IAN MURRAY

A COMMUNITY in Lancashire was yesterday mourning the death of a family doctor who was killed with his teenage son and his brother when a climbing holiday in the Cairngorms was hit by sleet and snow storms.

The last of the three bodies was recovered by police yesterday at the end of what had begun as a half-term holiday expedition in fair weather.

The trip was planned by Dr Christopher Mayo, 45, of Longridge, Lancashire, as a treat for his son Matthew, 15, on holiday from Stoneyhurst College. The two had been climbing together in the Alps just before Christmas and invited the doctor's brother, Michael, 40, from Edinburgh, to join them to gain experience in icy conditions.

The alarm was raised on Thursday night when the three failed to return from the mountains. Dr Mayo's body was found on Friday at the bottom of a 500 foot drop beside a path. On Saturday helicopters joined the 120 searchers, although they were all hampered by the cloud and gusting winds. By noon they had found the teenager's body, wrapped in his survival bag, not far from the spot where his father had died.

Conditions were so bad that the search for Michael Mayo had to be called off until yesterday, when his body was found a short distance from the spot where his companions died.

Rescuers think the father and son might have fallen together and that he put the boy in the survival bag before setting off to summon help only to be overcome himself by the conditions. A post mortem is to be held in Inverness today.

The three had often gone on similar trips together in the past. The doctor's wife, Christine, and their two daughters, Nicola, 22, and Andrea, 18, stayed at home in Longridge.

On Thursday morning, the three climbers called at the Glenmore Lodge outdoor activity centre in Aviemore to book rooms for the next two nights before setting out for a walk from the ski lift up Coire an Lochan. Dr Mayo was an experienced climber and had ensured that his party was well-equipped for the cold. He was apparently satisfied that the conditions would be safe, although he omitted to say exactly where they would be going.

Police at Aviemore said conditions had not been bad when the party set out, but that they had deteriorated rapidly during the afternoon.

Dr Mayo's death was a shock for the community in Longridge, where he had been a general practitioner for the past 15 years. He also had a weekly session at the casualty department of Queen's Park Hospital, Blackburn, and organised training for doctors who wanted to go into general practice.

Dr Ann Bowman, his partner, said: "The whole community is deeply shocked. He was a committed GP, highly regarded by his colleagues and respected by his patients. Many expected his son wanted to become a doctor as well and both of them will be sorely missed."

The bad weather was also blamed for two other incidents in Glencoe. Patrick Gray, 45, a Glasgow Social worker, died when he fell 800 feet while descending a gully in poor weather on Saturday. Rescue helicopters tried and failed to reach his body, which was eventually recovered by mountain rescue teams.

Roger Gemmell, from Solihull, was lucky to survive when he fell 160ft in Glencoe. Two companions stayed with him while a third alerted a rescue team which took him to Fort William.

Dr Mayo: planned trip as a treat for his son

ALBAN DONOHOE

Cruel sea: a holiday bungalow, which fell into the sea at Hemsby, near Great Yarmouth, yesterday

Hundreds evacuated in east coast storms

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and Kent, where the sea levels three metres higher than normal breached defences in several places. Many coastal roads were also closed in Suffolk. Beach huts and a promenade cafe were swept away by the tide at Southwold and police evacuated low-lying properties in Southwold and Aldeburgh.

The Thames barrier was raised to prevent a surge tide as the water level reached three metres above normal at Southend. It was the fourteenth time it had been used since it was built. The surge backed by strong winds was so powerful that the tide did not go out for 24 hours. Tourists were told to stay away from the seafront in Scarborough as waves up to 25ft high swept over coastal roads. Properties were sandbagged and one car left on the outer harbour pier was lifted more than 30ft by the waves.

Waters were also rising in the Norfolk Broads and there were reports of some minor flooding as far inland as Norwich, 20 miles from the coast. Weather forecasters said that the strong winds would continue today, but conditions would ease by late in the afternoon or tomorrow.

Workers airlifted from the North Sea were ferried by 14 civilian helicopters, which made a total of 24 trips from Aberdeen 120 miles eastwards to pick up the 380 men from the *Safe Supporter*.

DNA tests identify air-crash Britons

BY TONY DAWE

FOUR of the Britons killed in the Nepal air crash last September have been identified by genetic fingerprinting, the first time that DNA tests have given positive results on British victims of an air disaster.

The last to be identified was Mike Hardwick, 33, a climber who was an instructor at the National Mountain Centre in Snowdonia. His parents were told as they prepared to fly to Kathmandu for a joint funeral service this week for those who remain unidentified.

Nineteen of the 35 Britons among the 167 passengers and crew who died when their Pakistan International Airlines (PIA) flight hit a mountain were identified before the DNA tests. A dozen remain unidentified, however, and they will be buried on Friday, together with 80 other victims, at a memorial site near the foot of the mountain.

Mr Hardwick's father, Reg, of Wirksworth, Derbyshire, said: "We feel very relieved, especially as the news came on the very last day that we could have expected to hear anything. Mike's wife, Sue, was identified early on, but her body stayed in Nepal as all the parents wanted the couple to be buried together. They are now being flown home for a funeral service in the chapel in Bangor, North Wales, where they were married."

Mr Hardwick said that it was "a pity" that the DNA tests had not been done earlier. It was not until two months after the crash that PIA and its insurers sanctioned DNA tests. Tissue samples taken earlier were brought to Home Office laboratories in West Yorkshire, and relatives of unidentified victims were asked to provide blood samples.

The tests helped to identify 13 victims, including a Spanish family of four and four Britons. In addition to Mr Hardwick, the tests identified Darius Bejon, 34, a Buddhist monk, originally from west London, John Carswell, 22, who had just graduated from Edinburgh University in accountancy and business studies, and Deborah Leon, 31, a trade union official from Newcastle upon Tyne.

Philip Lewis, of Kenyon Emergency Services, the London firm of international undertakers that arranged tests, said: "We were hopeful that more would have been identified, but we are pleased to have been able to satisfy some families."

Among those unidentifed is Dave Harries, Mr Hardwick's climbing partner. His wife, parents, brother and two in-laws, will attend the service in Nepal. PIA at first said that that it would pay travel and hotel costs for only two relatives per victim, but it relented after a report in *The Times* and pressure from MPs.

Deborah Leon: one of the named victims

Rushdie appeals to Major

BY A STAFF REPORTER

SALMAN Rushdie yesterday appealed on television for a meeting with John Major, the prime minister, to fortify his campaign to end the death sentence imposed on him by Iranian fundamentalists.

The author, who has been in hiding for more than four years, said: "It is crucial to show Iran that we mean business. And nothing will do that other than the head of the government standing next to me saying 'We will protect our citizens'."

It was important to make it clear to Iran that "if it wants to be treated as an equal member of the community of nations, it has to stop trying to murder their citizens".

Mr Rushdie, on BBC Television's *Breakfast With Frost*, said that such a meeting would be a "symbolic gesture". A formal request for a meeting had been made.

The death sentence was imposed by Ayatollah Khomeini for alleged blasphemy in *The Satanic Verses*, the writer's book. Mr Rushdie says the bounty for his assassination is up to £2 million.

☐ Ehsan Naraghi, 66, an Iranian writer living in France, says moderate leaders in Tehran believe that an international conference on Islam could be a way to end the impasse over Mr Rushdie.

Mr Naraghi, a sociologist and historian, said he had suggested to Iran the idea of organising a session of the Islamic Conference, comprising 50 Moslem countries, and which in 1989 approved the death sentence. This would be attended by European and Moslem intellectuals.

Marathon man chases MP

BY IAN MURRAY

CHRIS Brasher is to lobby all MP marathon runners today to seek their support to lift a government ultimatum that organisers of this year's Nutrasweet London Marathon must agree by Friday to pay £15,000 if they want to run through Greenwich Park, along the Mall and Birdcage Walk.

Mr Brasher, founder of the event, said yesterday: "This amounts to a toll for use of the road and if we agree to pay, the whole sport of road running in Britain would be dead."

The ultimatum was issued by Robert Key, minister for sport. Mr Brasher says he has the backing of Gary Waller, Tory MP for Keighley, and Dennis Canavan, Labour MP for Falkirk West, who between them have run several hundred marathons.

Mr Key imposed the ultimatum last Thursday after 16 months of negotiations failed to produce agreement on payment for use of the royal parks. "I first knew about the deadline when I read about it in the press," Mr Brasher said.

He said a decision to pay could be taken only by the board of the marathon and it was impossible for it to meet before the deadline expired.

Mr Brasher said the government had failed to explain what the payment was for. "We have agreed to pay £5,000 for putting up marquees at Greenwich, because that is an unusual thing to do. The government doesn't seem to realise that we don't run on grass but down roads, so there is no damage to the parks. We have an agreement from 1986 that we are not liable to pay for extra policing. We are prepared to pay for clearing up litter in St James's Park. All the surplus money we raise goes to charity to improve the quality of life in London."

Mr Brasher said the route could be changed to leave out Greenwich and St. James's Park. "But the chief executive of the London Tourist Board has told me he cannot estimate the value of the television pictures of people running past the Cutty Sark or Buckingham Palace," he said.

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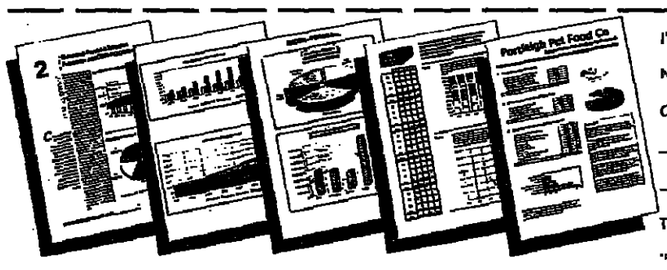

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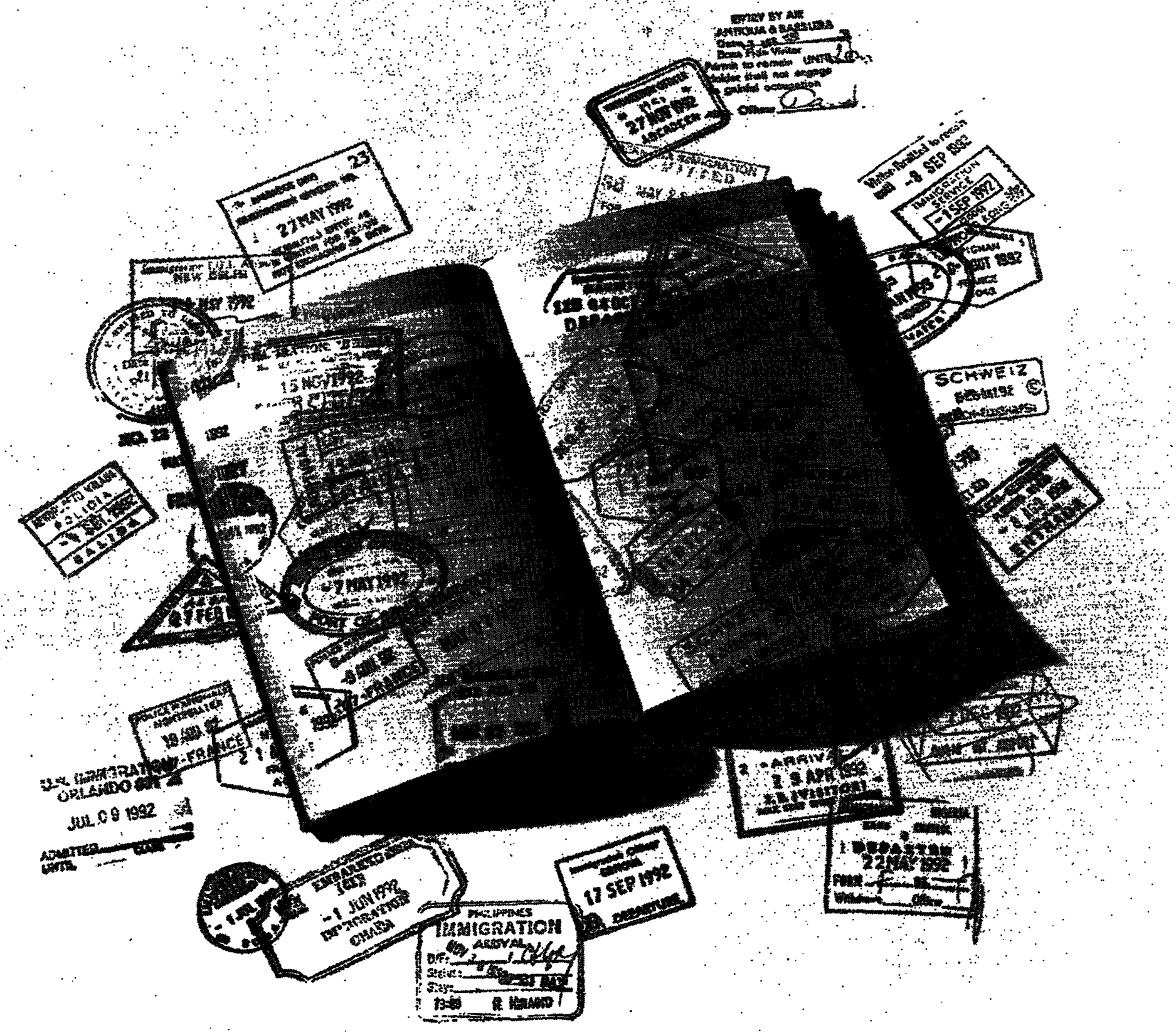

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Council reformers were subjected to menacing late-night phone calls and personal confrontation

Crusade against corruption proves to be a losing battle

By Christopher Elliott and Angela Mackay

■ An investigation by *The Times* discloses the problems of honest insiders trying to reform a virtually ungovernable system

INTIMIDATION and maladministration have bred a culture of corruption within Lambeth council that has proved impossible to eradicate, according to former senior officials speaking publicly for the first time to *The Times*.

For two decades Lambeth has been racked by scandal resulting in a series of investigations by police and internal enquiries by council officers. Councillors and officers attempting to break the cycle of malpractice, however, have been worn down and some have left.

Last month Herman Ouseley, the outgoing chief executive, delivered the strongest condemnation of the council's performance in a 118-page report. Critics, and Mr Ouseley, say that it did not go far enough.

The allegations include:

☐ hundreds of workers were made redundant without the knowledge of the council at a cost of millions of pounds;

☐ £9.5 million was spent on road schemes without permission;

☐ contractors were paid hundreds of thousands of pounds in unauthorised payments.

One of the men who tried to halt the corruption was Bill Brown, 45, who came from Oxford council as a "troubleshooter" to head Lambeth's construction services department.

Under Mr Brown's management, up to 12 officers resigned, retired or were charged by police in connection will illegal practices. He left two and a half years later, defeated by the intransigence of the problems and threats to him and supporters.

When Mr Brown, a qualified architect who once worked for Hackney council, got the job in autumn 1988 he knew there were serious problems. "One of the reasons why they considered me a reasonable candidate to do the job

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was my previous experience of building and from my days at Hackney, working on issues where there was a high level of incompetence or maybe corruption.

"When I arrived at Lambeth I found an organisation that had a lack of management systems, certainly had lack of knowledge as to what its projects were," said Mr Brown, who now works as a consultant to local authorities around the country.

He started a thorough reform of the working practices of a department that undertakes about 250,000 maintenance jobs each year, and set up investigations into every allegation of malpractice or incompetence. Up to ten contractors were removed from the approved council list.

Within a year the intimidation began. "It was an intermittent thing. Late at night the phone would ring and normally no one would be there. I've never experienced it anywhere else. Others probably had it more than I had."

Mr Brown and his supporters, including all four chairmen of the committee under which he served, ploughed on with the reforms aimed at making the services more efficient and less open to corruption. They could never relax, however. "I felt by now we were dealing with some of the problems, and the allegations of corruption. But I was fairly conscious that the policy and performance review team had to be constantly investigating things because it didn't seem to me that you could relax in Lambeth at any time," Mr Brown said.

John Mann, a former Labour councillor who was chair of the construction services committee in 1988 and 1989, worked closely with Mr Brown. "I was threatened left, right and centre by those who did not want us to look at certain practices. The people who worked for me in investigations were also severely intimidated.

"There were phone calls, personal confrontation and legal threats to try to stop or silence us.

"There are certain things that are already being swept under the carpet despite the new report, while other important enquiries have still not seen the light of day."

Neil Botfish, who worked for Lambeth as an internal auditor for five years, said the Ouseley report exposed "Lambeth's appalling accounting practices and includes a catalogue of every trick of the trade being used by those who are manipulating the chaos."

Mr Brown said: "There was no closing of council accounts year on year, and the district auditor was extremely annoyed about it. They were closing the accounts six or seven years on, when they should have been closed within 12 months."

Mr Ouseley admitted his report was not a full one. "When I arrived in 1990, I found a lot of bad practice and maladministration. I tried to restrain the council's *ultra vires* expenditure.

"While there is a lot of corruption it is hard to prove. The trading operation never showed a true reflection of the accounts. Corrupt systems became accepted. The restructuring I started in 1991 was like a barium meal, but I hadn't expected to find so much wrong."

Mr Mann said: "There is a lot more under the surface and questions must be asked about why all this has taken so long to come out."

LAMBETH town hall is not the only scene of suspected corruption.

CATALOGUE OF CONCERN

Nearly half of all London's councils are investigating corruption. Fraud has become so serious that 12 of London's 32 boroughs are calling on the Metropolitan Police to help establish a special unit to investigate local authority fraud.

The London Audit Group, comprising chief internal auditors of the London boroughs, has called for a co-ordinating body after the uncovering of widespread bogus housing benefit applications and student grant applications in boroughs including Ealing, Hammersmith, Enfield, Hackney, Kingston and Waltham Forest. Cases involve supposed homeless people applying for housing benefit; students claiming education grants with false documents; students claiming grants for courses that they no longer attended; and benefit applications from those appearing not to live in the borough.

Brown: driven away by threats and opposition

Whistleblower was dismissed

By Christopher Elliott and Angela Mackay

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COLIN Cornelius does not relish his role as a "whistleblower". A former senior auditor in Hackney, London's poorest borough, he was sacked four years after exposing the corrupt activities of a council official.

A simple check on the misuse of a council vehicle led to the discovery that the official had received hospitality from a company hoping to place an order worth £250,000 with the borough. It also revealed that the man had sub-let his council flat.

Mr Cornelius, who takes his case to an industrial tribunal in April, worked for Hackney council for nine years. He believes it was his determination to press for a police prosecution that led to his dismissal.

As revealed in *The Times*, Hackney is the subject of a police enquiry after a series of allegations was submitted by a Tory councillor.

The council said Mr Cornelius was dismissed for alleged gross misconduct as a result of nine separate breaches of disciplinary procedures, but refused to elaborate on what the breaches involved.

In September 1988 he was asked to examine the case of a van hired in the council's name that had clocked up 828 miles during five days. He discovered that the employee had used it to move his family and furniture to a new home and job in Scotland. Mr Cornelius tipped off the man's new employers in Scotland and when the man submitted false removal expenses to them he was dismissed. In June 1989 the man was convicted at Kirkcaldy magistrates' court of attempted fraud and "admonished", similar to a conditional discharge in English law, largely on Mr Cornelius's evidence.

But Mr Cornelius also discovered that the employee, who cannot be named for legal reasons, was more than £2,000 in arrears in rent on his Hackney council flat, and moved on without telling the council after handing over the rent book and the keys to new tenants without official permission.

Mr Cornelius also has receipts which show the man had received hospitality for himself and his family while on holiday, apparently as an inducement to place an order on the council's behalf for kitchen fittings.

It was just before the man's conviction in a Scottish court that the council's performance review subcommittee called for a series of investigations into council practices relating to council tenancies, the hire of vehicles and purchase of materials. According to an internal memo, seen by *The Times*, they asked for eight investigations arising from Mr Cornelius's findings.

None of these has been made public, and the performance review subcommittee has been disbanded.

Mr Cornelius was suspended from duty at the end of October after he was accused of breaching the disciplinary code.

At a council disciplinary hearing in January 1992 Mr Cornelius was dismissed. He claims that the charges were manufactured. At an appeal, in July last year, he says that he was not allowed to present the case as he wished. "I feel that all I did was to carry out my social and public duty," he said.

A Hackney Council spokeswoman said: "We are satisfied that his dismissal and appeal were handled properly."

Cornelius: "Just carried out my public duty"

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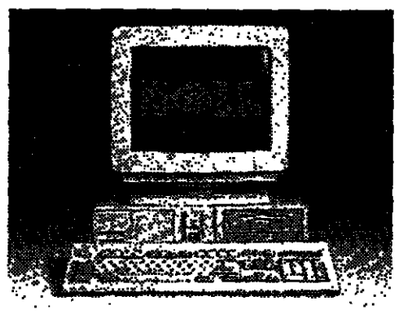

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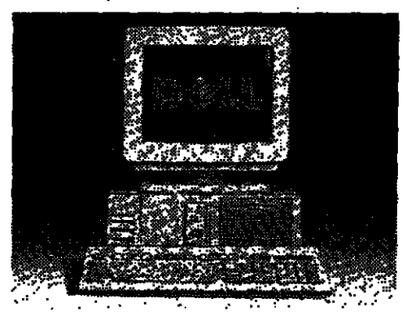

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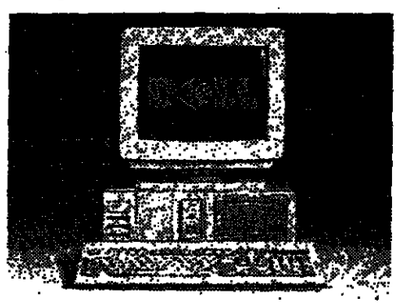

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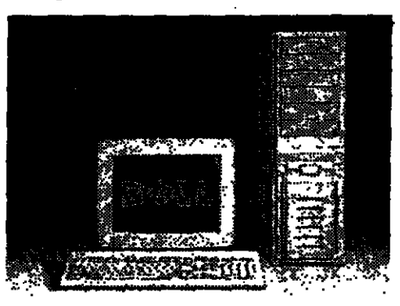

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Judge expects flood of disputes over new child support rules

BY FRANCES GIBB, LEGAL CORRESPONDENT

A FLOOD of acrimonious cases will hit the tribunal system set up to hear appeals over new maintenance payments ordered by the Child Benefit Agency, according to the judge in charge of the hearings.

Judge Thorpe, 51, predicts that from April, when the system starts, the number of cases could top 27,000 in the first year alone.

The judge says that disputes over the maintenance payments — expected to be between double and four times what divorced fathers pay for their children now — will transform the atmosphere of tribunal hearings, making them much more adversarial and acrimonious.

The Child Support Appeal Tribunals have been created to hear aggrieved fathers and mothers who are unhappy with the level of maintenance ordered by the new agency. Judge Thorpe said that fathers who used to pay nothing are bound to react if they find themselves paying £50 a week.

"We are taking on what has been the work of the courts, and I think these disputes will be quite heated." He said that cases will be particularly heated where a divorced couple had agreed minimum maintenance payments in return for the wife receiving an extra large capital sum.

Lawyers and judges have already expressed concern that the Child Benefit Agency's strict formula on maintenance will take no account of what a couple agreed in a divorce settlement, which will undermine the "clean break" principle.

"What will happen is that people will try to challenge these maintenance assessments on grounds of fact, arguing that the agency has not worked out the cost of housing properly or their earnings," he said.

Judge Thorpe, as president of the Independent Tribunal Service, will oversee 225 tribunal chairpersons and 830 members who will sit in some 50 tribunal centres throughout the UK. A further appeal on a question of law is available from those tribunals to another judge, Judge Machin, who will take the title of Child Support Appeal Commissioner, and, in rare cases, to the Court of Appeal.

The first appeals are likely to filter through in July. The tribunals will have power to vary or set aside the assessments but in most cases are likely to refer them back for reassessment.

Judge Thorpe said he has "concern" about the impact on the tribunal system of adversarial disputes. The result is likely to be greater recourse to lawyers, as well as advice workers, although no legal aid is available for tribunals. "I think these things are so serious that people will decide they have to afford lawyers," he said.

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Sinn Fein ponders poll failure

FROM EDWARD GORMAN
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SINN Fein's failure to build solid support in the Irish Republic dominated a debate on the party's electoral performance at its annual conference in Dundalk, co. Louth, this weekend.

The exercise in self-examination came on the eve of an important decision for the party's electoral prospects in Northern Ireland. A court in Belfast is due to rule today on the validity of the SDLP's victory over Sinn Fein in West Belfast in the last Westminster election.

Sinn Fein's failure to make political gains in the Republic is a continuing embarrassment to a party which claims to be leading a struggle for national self-determination. In last November's Irish election, it achieved 1.6 per cent of the vote and lost its deposit in almost all of the 37 constituencies in which it fielded candidates.

More than half the delegates who spoke on the subject indicated they believed that with its present approach and policies, Sinn Fein would never achieve substantial support south of the border.

One speaker, who stood in a central Dublin constituency in last November's Irish election, criticised as "ridiculous" the claim that Sinn Fein had "created a degree of enthusiasm for the forthcoming local elections in areas where we previously had little or no electoral involvement".

Another, also from Dublin, said Sinn Fein needed to be more self-critical: "Until we are big enough and open enough and honest enough and brave enough to talk about it, we are going to have more election post-mortems and more people asking what the hell is going on," he told some 300 delegates.

The main reason for its electoral failure, which even the most critical delegates were not prepared to admit, is its continuing support for IRA violence, which is abhorrent to most voters in the Republic.

Escaped eagle dives on walkers

A golden eagle brought fear to an Oxfordshire village after it swooped on a couple, attacked two of their dogs and flew off with a new-born lamb.

The eagle, with a wingspan of about 4ft, was believed to have fled from captivity because it still had a leather strap on one of its legs.

Colin New, a sheep breeder, was walking with his wife at Chinnor when it tried to carry off two of their Jack Russell pets before diving on him. "It looked very hungry," he said.

Rider injured

A former British point-to-point champion, Jennifer Litston, received serious head injuries when her horse fell on her in Salisbury, Wiltshire. Mrs Litston, 28, of Godney, Somerset, was critical after being airlifted to hospital.

Prison hanging

A man awaiting trial for murder was found hanged by a sheet in his cell at Winchester prison, Hampshire. David Mangan, 26, of Shanklin, Isle of Wight, was accused of stabbing a hotelier at Christmas.

Fireball death

Thomas Crowden, 17, died when petrol fumes ignited as he dismantled a car at his father's scrapyard in Newark, Nottinghamshire. A customer was seriously burnt.

Murder hunt

Police opened a murder enquiry after Doris Shelley, 82, died from head and face injuries received in an attack at her home in Martlesham, Suffolk, on February 10.

Bond winners

Winners in the weekly premium bond draw are: £100,000, bond 28WF 522699, holder from Dover (value of holding £1,245); £50,000, 30WW 178175, Cheltenham (£500); £25,000, 23DW 190502, Kent (£6,000).

Ukraine offers to help restore castle

BY IAN MURRAY

UKRAINE, the former communist state, has offered free expert help to rebuild Windsor Castle. The offer, made to the Queen by Leonid Kravchuk, the president, when he visited Britain this month, is being considered seriously by the national heritage department.

Sergei Komisarenko, Ukraine's ambassador in London, said: "We are ready to send a team of expert woodcarvers and plasterers. They would, of course, work to the instructions of the British specialists but they are highly professional and have been doing a great deal of restoration on churches, palaces and buildings in Kiev, some of them at least a thousand years old.

"Unfortunately they have no shortage of work to do. Ukraine stands at a crossroads of world history and many of our most beautiful buildings have been ruined by war. Many of our churches were destroyed by the communists. For us it is a very painful experience and we know what a painful experience it must have been for you to see Windsor Castle burning.

"Ukraine cannot send billions of pounds to help Britain, but then Britain is not likely to send billions of pounds to help the Ukraine. What we can offer is our craftsmen and I think it will be useful for them to see British architecture."

News pictures of the blazing castle seen around the world brought in money from many countries and the national heritage department has set up a fund at Coutts, the Queen's bankers, to collect and administer contributions with the help of NatWest.

A preliminary decision is expected next month on whether the building will be returned to its ornate, gilded state at the time of the fire, rebuilt to modern plans or restored to its medieval design.

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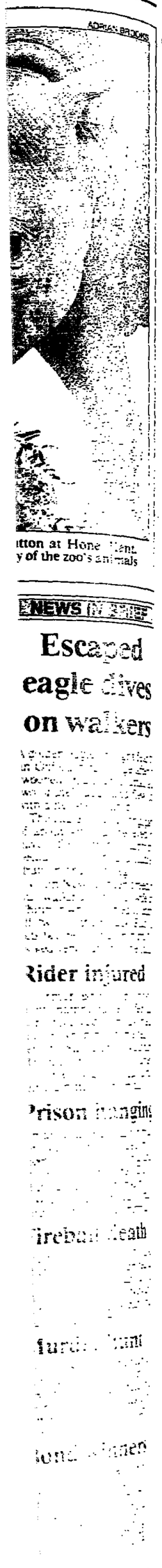

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Passenger safety at risk on rail line from London to Glasgow

BY TIM JONES, TRANSPORT CORRESPONDENT

THE government has been told that without huge investment, the InterCity west coast line from London to Glasgow will be forced to close within seven years because of the risk to passenger safety.

An internal document from Ian Buchanan, the west coast line infrastructure manager, which has been obtained by *The Times*, states: "Without major renewals, the west coast railway line will close at some stage before the end of the decade, due to safety risks."

The document states that investment of at least £3 million a year on signalling and telecommunication will be needed for six years from 1994, in addition to investment expenditure, just to safeguard the present equipment.

The 30,000 passengers a day who use the line will become aware of the deterioration of the service in May when the new timetable lengthens journey times.

Although in the short term the new, slower timetable has been designed to accommodate the Citizen's Charter, which makes British Rail liable to claims for bad service, the move disguises a growing crisis on the line.

It is a bald admission that the whole of the 856-mile west coast system, which has to cope with about 2,000 trains a day, is facing serious problems.

While InterCity is expected to show in its next annual report that alone of major European railways it has managed to run at a profit, expected to be about £5 million, the margin would not begin to cope with the kind of investment Mr Buchanan says is necessary.

In order to bring the line up to the standard enjoyed by passengers on InterCity east coast, from King's Cross to Edinburgh, the west coast line requires investment of at least £800 million.

While British Rail believes some of this investment is safeguarded under a five-year plan, senior management admits the franchising proposals have led to great uncertainty.

One InterCity source said last night: "We have already had to withdraw from placing a £400 million order for new trains."

A consultation document on rail privatisaion, published in October last year, noted that the last modernisation took place 30 years ago. The rolling stock is almost a quarter of a century old, the signalling brittle, the track bad and stations outdated.

The document was written before John MacGregor, the transport secretary, announced that the west coast line was not among the first of three InterCity lines to be privatised.

Robert Adley MP, chairman of the all-party Conservative-dominated Commons transport committee which savaged the privatisation plans, said: "This is one of the most alarming documents I have seen for many a long year."

He feared that with the scale of investment needed no private company, which would hold a franchise for only ten years, would be interested in bidding for the line.

"The government has still not learned it is a great fallacy to close so-called loss-making rail services. All it does is to drive more and more cars onto the roads."

Cavers in danger from radiation

BY NIGEL HAWKES, SCIENCE EDITOR

POTHOLERS are exposing themselves to radiation levels far higher than those permitted in the nuclear and mining industries. The danger arises from radon, a naturally occurring radioactive gas produced by the decay of uranium in the ground, which has been linked to lung cancer.

The gas has long been recognised as a danger to miners, whose exposure to it is governed by regulations. Those who choose to explore old mines and potholes for fun fall outside the law.

Mineral collectors, potholers, mine explorers and bat researchers could be at risk, Gillian Pearce, secretary of Devon and Cornwall Prospecting Society, said in the journal *Atom*, published by the Atomic Energy Authority.

A survey by the society of 37 disused mines revealed levels of radon as high as a million becquerels per cubic metre. The "action level" for homes, set by the government, is 200 Bq per cubic metre.

The level typical of mines in Devon and Cornwall is about 30,000 Bq per cubic metre, 15 times higher than that at which the Health and Safety Executive would launch a prosecution if it arose in a workplace.

The problem is made worse by flooding of the old mines, which drives the radon upwards to the first unflooded level, concentrating it in the area most likely to be explored by the public.

High levels have also been found in limestone caves in Derbyshire monitored by Manchester Metropolitan University's limestone research group.

The National Radiological Protection Board, which monitors radon levels, said: "If a teacher takes groups underground, then he or she is subject to the regulations. But this doesn't apply to people who go down for fun. They should understand that they might well encounter fairly high radon levels in all kinds of mines and potholes."

The prospecting society has advised members not to enter mines with radon levels more than 100,000 Bq per cubic metre without breathing apparatus. The National Caving Association has set up a working party to monitor the problem.

TREASURE FOUND IN CARRIER BAG

New territory: a Victorian explorer's view of a scene encountered in Africa

Victorian adventurer: Capt Robert Nelson, left, and pictured standing behind Sir Henry Morton Stanley, who is seated right

Adventure in darkest Africa comes to light

DETAILS of a mission by Sir Henry Morton Stanley, the great explorer, to rescue a beleaguered African ruler, have been discovered in a plastic carrier bag (Paul Wilkinson writes).

They are part of a collection of documents and personal effects chronicling the life of Captain Robert Nelson, a Victorian adventurer. It was found in a Durham flat being cleared after its elderly owner moved. Her relatives had worked for the Nelson family and were given it as a keepsake.

Nick Stewart, of the Newcastle auctioneers Anderson and Garland, which on March 4 will sell the collection, estimated to be worth £3,000, said: "It is rivetting stuff, straight from the pages of *Boy's Own*." There are letters from Stanley about the expedition, Nelson's contract of engagement, watercolours of scenes along the way, a medical chest made for Nelson and the machete he used.

Newspaper reports from a correspondent who accompanied the rescue include his reactions when, after asking a village headman what meat he had just dined on, he was shown a large pot with two human feet sticking out.

The papers give details of the arduous but successful two-year venture, the Emin Pasha Relief Expedition of 1887, which took the explorers from Zanzibar via the Cape and the Congo to Lake Albert.

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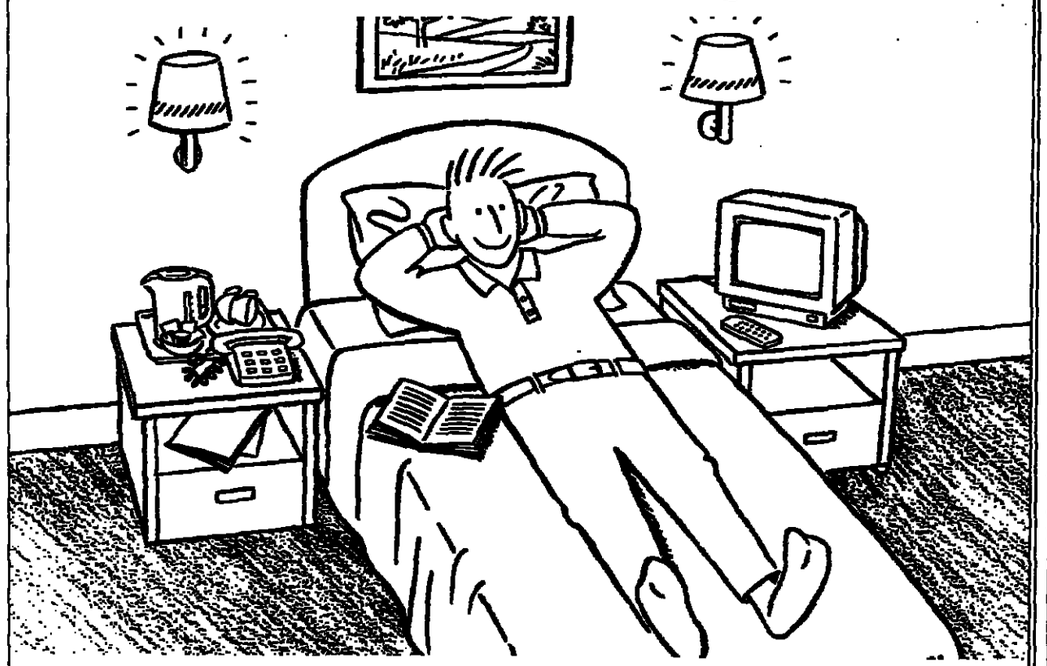

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Excise men go undercover to beat single-market smugglers

BY MICHAEL DYNES, WHITEHALL CORRESPONDENT

SELLING illegally imported beer under the arches near London's Waterloo station is a risky business these days, particularly when the headquarters of HM Customs and Excise is just around the corner.

So it was recently for three Arthur Daley characters and their rottweiler who found themselves the subject of one of the first visits by an excise verification officer who just happened to stumble on their sign advertising cheap booze while on his way to the office.

The abolition of fiscal frontiers, which accompanied the arrival of the single European market last month, has forced customs officials to abandon traditional frontier control posts in favour of inland checks on illegally imported excisable goods.

In place of uniformed officers selecting "suspicious characters" for inspection as they entered British ports and airports, a new breed of plain-clothes excise verification officers, or Evos, now scour the country in search of off-licences, pubs, restaurants and clubs trying to make a quick profit by illegally selling personal allowances of alcohol and tobacco.

Under rules changed as part of the single European market, travellers are entitled to bring back for personal consumption 90 litres (120 bottles) of wine, 110 litres (194 pints) of beer, 10 litres of spirits, 30 litres of fortified wine, 800 cigarettes and 200 cigars. But any attempt to sell these allowances is illegal.

Monitoring the wholesale and retail outlets is a herculean task, as *The Times* discovered while accompanying an Evo squad checking off-licences in a London high street. In the south London area alone, there are an estimated 16,000 traders. In addition, the opportunities for people to sell their personal allowances at car boot sales or to friends and relatives are legion.

Nonetheless, Evos have been arresting an average of one person a day for bootlegging alcohol or tobacco since January. "Most cases have involved goods worth about £1,000, although there have been a few in the £15,000 league," one official said. "People are sticking their toes in the water to check the temperature. We expect that the professional criminal syndicates are watching to see how we operate before exploiting the situation."

Customs and Excise plan to recruit some 300 Evos by next year, mostly in London and the South East where the problem of smuggling is expected to be most acute. By combining information gleaned from site visits with a data base, Evos hope to build up a nationwide intelligence network.

Dressed in fading jeans and casual jackets, teams have been visiting wholesale and retail outlets to explain the new excise regime, while at the same time drawing attention to the consequences of flouting the regulations. The moment an Evo announces in an off-licence: "We're from the excise and we would like to take a look at your stock," most customers leave like a shot, leaving bewildered managers unsure of whether to accept their authority or run them off the premises.

Because Evos have powers of arrest and seizure, "most traders tend to co-operate with us without much fuss", one officer said. "But if they don't, we can always come back later with any back-up we need."

"Getting it in the country is one thing," an official said. "But if they want to sell it they will have to expose themselves, and that's when they become vulnerable."

The way it isn't

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He says: "Could you put it
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Hamburger chain to fund school

BY BEN PRESTON

THE first British school to be named after an international hamburger chain will open in London's East End in June. The Burger King — or BI — Academy will educate abut 24 pupils aged 15 and 16 who have dropped out of regular schooling in Tower Hamlets.

The academy is the latest development in an American-style partnership betwen business and the local education authority being fosteed by the charity Cities in Schools. Tower Hamlets council says it has brought about £1 million to the deprived borough.

Burger King has promised about £50,000 to renovate a site for the academy in Great Ferry Road, Isle of Dogs, and will spend £10,000 a year on facilities. The council will met the running costs and pay the teachers.

Anne Sofer, Tower Hamlets' chief education officer, said: "If major corporations can put their names to science laboratories, or whatever, I don't see why Burger King should not." Pupils will be offered work experience with the company.

□ The number of primary school pupils taught in classes of more than 40 increased 2· per cent last year to 11,286 according to government figures disclosed in a parliamentary written answer.

Village braced for brutality

BY KATE ALDERSON

BEFORE the medieval church-clock strikes one tomorrow afternoon in the village of Sedgefield, co. Durham, shop-keepers will have boarded up their windows and the police will be on stand-by in anticipation of the often brutal ritual of the Shrove Tuesday Ball Game.

Almost a thousand people will battle on the village green, and in the rectory pond for the honour of winning the cricket-size ball, which guarantees free beer in every pub the winning ball is taken into.

At least 600 years old, although some argue 900, the game is one of the oldest in Britain. In the past it has required ambulances to take away the wounded.

At one o'clock the oldest member of the village will "alley" or pass the ball through the metal bull-ring opposite the old court house and then rival gangs will spend the next four hours kicking and throwing the ball in the battle to gain control.

Tradition dictates that the ball must be "alleyed" in one of the village springs before 5pm, which involves scoring a try in the mud and water. The victor will emerge from the scrummage to be held aloft on the shoulders of his friends.

While some cross continents to return for the game, others wish they could be hundreds of miles away. Last year Dr Keith Beveridge called in the police to guard his prized garden that is home to one of the village springs.

His son, Neil, said: "People criticised him for breaking with tradition but you try having your garden trampled to mud and frog-spawn destroyed year in and year out."

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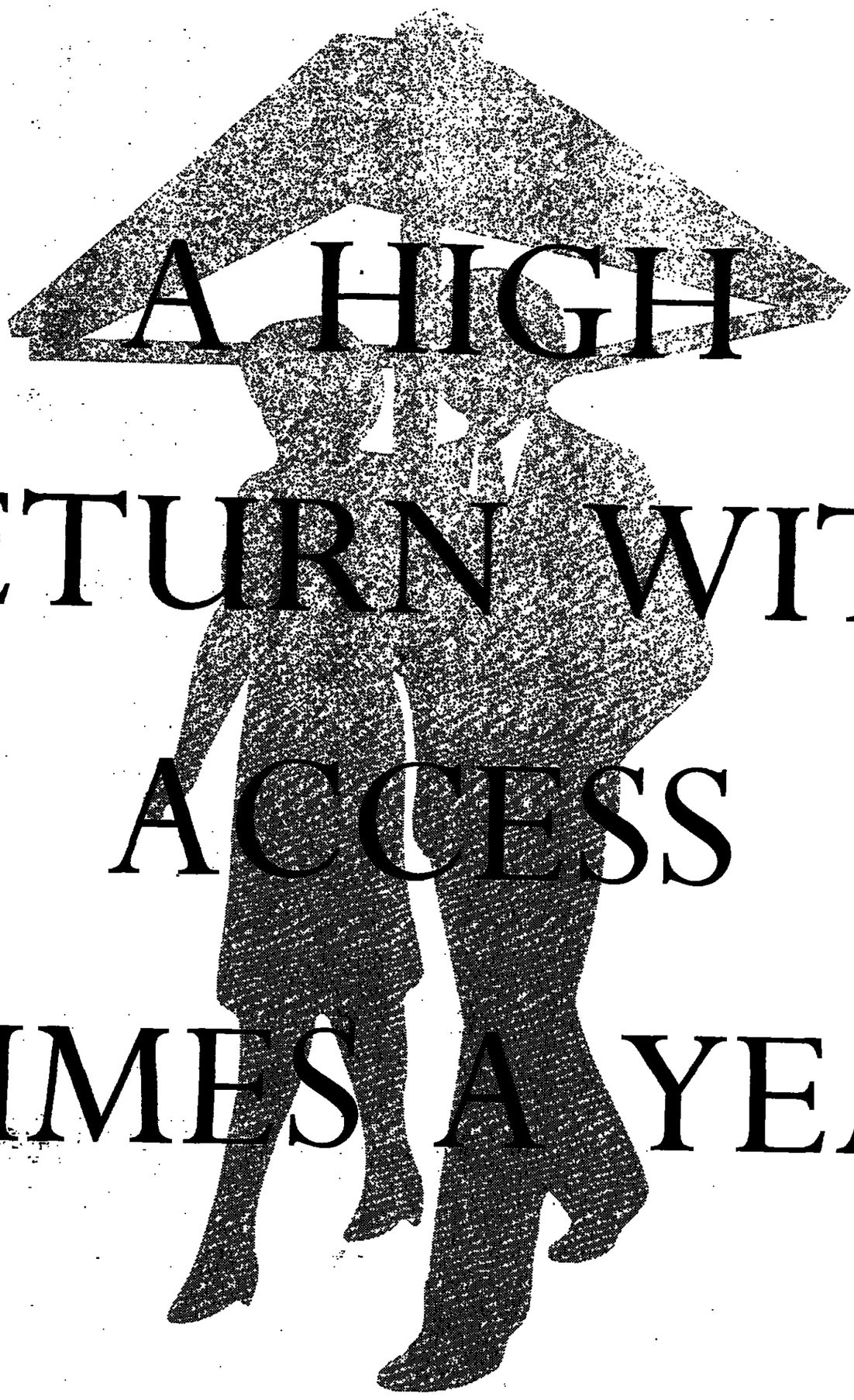

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Extracts from a series of television lectures begins with Alan Clark's call for courageous government

Bold surgery needed to cure diseased heart of once-great nation

■ This morning *The Times* publishes the first of a series of extracts from Channel 4 *Opinions* lectures on the state of modern Britain. The first lecturer is Alan Clark, the former defence minister. Over the next five weeks, in conjunction with Channel 4, which is broadcasting the lectures on Sunday nights, the series will address what is wrong with the nation and how its ills might be cured

Clark: gives warning of a deep-seated malaise

In almost the whole of my career in politics, I have seen our country in decline. Now, even the small progress which at one time we made seems to be lost, or in jeopardy. It is far too easy to blame the government of the day, but the problem is a long-term one and governments, particularly when they are under fire, resort to short-term solutions.

Essentially, the problem is loss of power. Because liberty itself — the liberty of the individual which it is the duty of the state to protect — is founded on power. If a nation or a tribe or a racial group does not have power, they are at risk. Ultimately, the risk may be mortal. Gassed Kurds, Jews on the way to extermination, are testimony to this. Generally the decline of power is more insidious: a corrosion that takes effect over many years, as the weakness becomes more apparent and affects more and more aspects of the state's function.

One should remember that it is only in the last resort that power means military strength, because this military strength is founded on the resilience of the economy and of the institutions that support it: Parliament, the judiciary, bureaucracy and the church. One has only to consider the Soviet Union to see an example of how military power without economic strength is a chimaera.

Our own country in 1945, it seemed, had defeated its enemies and disposed of great military strength. In fact we were powerless, in the broadest sense. Without a dollar loan from the United States, our standard of living would have been little different from that of the defeated Germans in the ruins of their ancient cities.

This weakness was never properly corrected and a series of soft options continued it. The currency was devalued three times: by Attlee, Wilson and, most recently, Lamont. Don't believe those who tell you that a devalution is good news: they are snake-oil salesmen. The strength of a country is first indicated by the strength of its money. When you devalue, you do so against the rate for a strong unit: the currency of another country.

At the turn of the century, Britain controlled more than a quarter of the world's land surface and almost half its trade. So there was little difficulty in sticking to the rule — unwritten, but from which governments deviated at great political risk — that the Royal Navy should be of a size and power that would allow it to defeat all the other navies in the world put together.

These things take effect very slowly. It is (or used to be) easy to give a quick fix, win an election and claim that everything was all right. But this option is becoming less and less effective. It is only by looking back over decades that you can see how much, by comparison, we have lost.

Every government has responsibility: first, to address the major strategic problems and ask themselves how they can be corrected; and second, to acknowledge and make use of the wonderful spirit which is still to be found in our people but which they are often diffident about expressing and which, when they do, can cause others to pretend to be shocked. There are those who hold up their hands in horror at the behaviour of British football fans abroad, but who applaud when those same young men, wearing the uniform of The Parachute Regiment and outnumbered five to one, defeat Argentine soldiers in battle. But even while the spirit remains alive, frustration, disappointment and the rejection of an authority which seems to have little to offer can feed a darker side. Violent crime has created an underclass of those who, old or weak or vulnerable, are living under house arrest, unable to move about or call on neighbours after dark and whose homes are locked and chained as thoroughly as any institution to which — if they should ever be caught — their tormentors may briefly be committed.

Kinnock: "bowed to democratic arithmetic"

Politicians, too, can experience frustration and it is tempting for us to blame the electorate for their impatience and their cynicism at the same time as we pander to it.

It is not so much cynicism, more a low voltage despair. Every one of the institutions of the realm which support its reliable functioning and impart confidence is seen to be tainted. The established church neglects its ancient duty to seek the redemption of the soul. Large and devout congregations, happy in the confidence of their faith, are no more as the church transmogrifies into a secular welfare organisation dabbling clumsily in the politics of envy.

Royalty, whose only remaining role of any significance should be to set an example of responsibility, prudence and decorum, are widely seen as quarrelsome and self-indulgent. Even the Union can look precarious, with 12 battalions of infantry stationed permanently in Ulster and the Scots searching restlessly for recognition of their separate identity.

Respect for the law diminishes. The police have fallen in public esteem, but is this caused by their incompetence or misplaced enthusiasm? Is their attitude soured by the belief that the courts no longer believe them, that politicians no longer support them, and that their primary loyalties should be to each other?

If the judiciary and the police are in a state of mutual suspicion, quite the reverse is true of ministers and civil servants: the bureaucracy. Many believe there is not so much a conspiracy but a mutual and tacit understanding between the elected and the appointed that when the going gets rough each will help cover the other's tracks. The only ministers who resign are those forced by public outrage at some scandal in their private lives.

So all these pillars of the realm no longer command the old respect. An ominous development is the growing consensus between the political parties to shut off consideration of radical options to reverse our decline. The manifestos compete simply in the distribution of secondary trinkets, most of them bought with the electorate's own money, at election time.

There are many who would say that when Neil Kinnock abandoned all of Labour's old principles to make the party (or so he thought) electable, it was simply an admission of the democratic arithmetic. Ideals do not command votes. It is hardly surprising that the political parties should combine to repress or deflect any comment or discussion that is not to their liking. Scrutiny by the media — crude, insensitive and unjust though often it may be — is virtually the only restraint on the excesses of government in a one-party state.

It was entirely predictable that the establishment should set up a commission to recommend ways in which the media could be restricted, just as it is good testimony to the arrogance of the new governing class that Sir David Calcutt should have admitted that he never reads a tabloid newspaper.

Make no mistake, they may start with the press, but it will not be long before television and radio become targets. However, it is important not to sound apocalyptic. This is a deep-seated malaise. At this rate, it will end not with a bang, but a whimper, as the United Kingdom slowly sinks into cosy impotence.

If anyone doubts that it is progressive, they should consider our present economic weakness. For the first time, we have not only three million unemployed but horrendous deficits on both domestic budget and external trade. It is true that the unemployment total was higher by a little in Margaret Thatcher's time, but for most of her years we were in balance, or in surplus, on external trade. Before she left office, public borrowing had been eliminated.

Baroness Thatcher, however, does have one major responsibility for our plight. She believed, allowed herself to be persuaded, that the manufacturing base is unimportant to a country's wealth.

When I was Minister for Trade, I used constantly to argue against this view, but it had acquired the status of doctrine and it was reinforced at every turn by the Treasury. The Treasury, in the early 1980s, went through a curious reversal of principle and it became an article of their faith that the balance of payments on external trade no longer mattered.

You have only to look at history to see that the period of our greatest strength was when our manufacturing industries were dominant. You have only to consider the disagreeable paradox of a consumer society whose tastes support millions of jobs in *foreign* economies and ignore the human resource of its own jobless, to see that certain critical ingredients are missing from the British economy.

Have they been rejected from choice? It is consumers and the extent to which their tastes and aspirations are gratified who decide the result of elections. What does it mean to be a happy consumer if you are permanently out of work in a declining nation?

I believe there are avenues we should explore in searching for a cure, but they are radical, outside the political consensus and fraught with electoral peril. So called "think tanks" are useless: they only tinker with ways of adjusting at the edge. Workfare, privatisation, "next steps" — I see all the papers and feel sorry for the trees.

Yet without a strategic review that questions all assumptions, we're not going to stop our decline.

It used to be thought that the principal brake on efficiency was the trade unions. Certainly their leadership had become a redundant oligarchy that did great damage. Lady Thatcher's most lasting achievement was to defeat trade union power, but the management that remained in place was, in many instances, almost as greedy and slow-witted as the union barons. The whole social ethos in Britain is different from any other country with a developed industrial economy. There is a curious snobbery, running back to the turn of the century, when industrialists sought to shed their image as soon as possible and posture as landowners. Both attitude and education must alter.

Calcutt: admitted he never read tabloids

We need to change the social mood so that the young, the fresh and the innovative are welcomed, not isolated in drudgery until they conform to the customs of mediocrity. Government should play its part with special colleges and scholarships, and a national, *rewarding* apprentice system. At its summit should be an equivalent of the *École Normale*, whose alumni would carry the prestige and status of the ancient universities.

But this is long-term. While it takes effect, industry needs a breathing space, some relief from the pressure of foreign competitors, benefiting as they do from the many advantages that their own governments grant to them. Any politician who wants a cheap round of applause can condemn "protectionism", but should it really be considered heresy to suggest that there is a calculation of the cost of imports that is more real than the crude balance-sheet indicates? Now is it welcome if one points out that the UK, with its chronic trade imbalance, should defend its industry while the endemic weaknesses are being addressed.

The old Bennite wing of the Labour party used, hesitantly, to essay these arguments and called their doctrine the Sieve Economy. Of course some of them favoured it because of the scope it offered for regulation and bureaucracy.

But there is a more pragmatic approach to this question. The criterion has to be what result is best for Britain. The Americans flout the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade whenever it suits them. The French break the small print of EC regulations, wholesale. But we are told that wider diplomatic considerations oblige us to tolerate it. On the UK will always "play the game".

But the world is a grady, hostile and deceitful environment. No one either owes us a living, or will take care of our needs. We are victims of this curious paradox that the ancient nationalisms of the west are disreputable, something of which we should be ashamed, while alien and emergent cultures must be massaged at every turn.

When first one tries to think the unthinkable, people pay no attention. They ignore it. If one persists, they say: "He is mad." If the idea still will not go away, they become disconcerted and say: "He is dangerous." Then, suddenly, the mood changes and it is not to impossible to find anyone who has not been in favour of all along.

I saw this happen when the old Keynesian orthodoxies were first challenged, but now he thinking that demolished Keynes as atrophie into a set of received ideas that themselves obsolete and restrictive. To break the will be tremendously difficult. It's likely to mean higher taxes, higher prices, lower wages and some restrictions on choice — all believed to be electorally lethal.

I love the British. To them, to their electoral favour. I owe the most fulfilling (as well as the most frustrating) years of my life when, nominally, I was in their service. Kindly, tolerant, stubborn, brave and resilient: sometimes lazy, but always tenacious in defence of their rights.

It is, of course, for the British people to decide whether they can or should submit to the kind of endurance trial which is needed to re-capture their former greatness. But I believe that those who aspire to lead owe it to them to offer the alternatives.

Politics teaches that you need a real crisis, almost a national emergency, to attempt anything "courageous". History, though, teaches that it is never too late. It is just that the price keeps going up.

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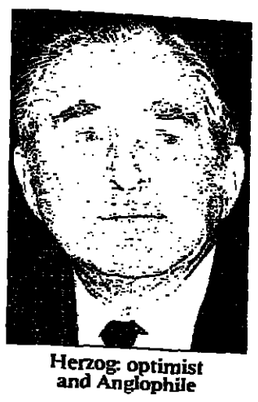
Herzog predicts end to conflict with Arabs in this decade



Herzog: optimist and Anglophile

*In an interview with **Richard Beeston**, the President of Israel says he will bring a message of hope for peace in the Middle East when he visits Britain this week*

IN THE despondent world of Middle East diplomacy, where talks are regularly deadlocked and conflicts go unresolved, President Herzog of Israel enjoys his minority status as one of the few optimists left on the regional stage.

Away from the daily crises of Palestinian deportees or skirmishes in southern Lebanon, Israel's foremost elder statesman prefers to take a more philosophical view of events and is willing to predict that his country's 45-year conflict with the Arabs is moving inexorably towards a peaceful settlement.

Speaking ahead of his trip tomorrow to London, the first official visit by an Israeli head of state, the former British army officer and Cambridge graduate believes that in the coming decade his successor may well be preparing similar journeys across what is now hostile territory to neighbouring Arab capitals.

"If I had met you 13 or 14 years ago and predicted that we would have reached this stage (in the Middle East peace process) you would have considered me an impossible optimist," said President Herzog, 74, whose career as a soldier, diplomat and politician make him eminently qualified to pass judgement. "The process will move forward basically because everybody wants it to.

"This is the Middle East, everything is done here according to the rules of the Middle East market. If you move too rapidly and try to rush things, no one will take you seriously."

Looking back at his decade in office, which comes to an end in May, Mr Herzog said that Israel's fortunes domestically and internationally had improved beyond anybody's wildest expectations, a point reinforced every Jewish new year when the diplomatic corps in Israel is invited to a reception at his residence.

"When I first took up my job, the entire corps only stretched down one side of our reception hall," he recalled. "We were ostracised in the Middle East, under constant attack as the bulk of the world refused to recognise us."

Today, however, the number of envoys at the reception has quadrupled because the Jewish state is recognised by all the former Soviet bloc countries and most of the Third World and Israel is struggling to keep up with all the new missions it is opening around the globe.

President Herzog said that the 450 per cent domestic inflation rate which once strangled Israel's economy had now stabilised to single digits and the country was successfully absorbing hundreds of thousands of highly qualified immigrants from the former Soviet Union. Although his instinct for Levantine politics is second nature, after a career spent first in Israeli military intelligence and then as Israel's representative to the UN and a Labour Party MP, the Belfast-born son of a rabbi likes to maintain his links with Britain.

Even though relations have at times been strained over the past decade of his presidency, mainly as a result of friction with the right-wing administrations of Menachem Begin and Yitzhak Shamir, who both fought British rule, President Herzog believes that "the hate element of the love-hate relationship has evaporated".

"The bitterness and rancour that did once exist between Israel and Britain has disappeared," said the self-avowed Anglophile, who recalled that he owed his enduring nickname "Vivian" to a corporal in the Royal West Kent regiment who translated his Hebrew name Chaim, "life", to its rough English equivalent.

President Herzog predicted that the enduring ties with Britain would not disappear when he steps down from office in May. His likely successor in the presidency is Ezer Weizman, who began his professional career as an RAF fighter pilot during the second world war.

Christopher seeks to break deadlock in Middle East talks

■ **Despite the continuing dispute over the deported Palestinians, Israel wants to pursue land-for-peace negotiations with Syria**

BY RICHARD BEESTON IN JERUSALEM AND OUR FOREIGN STAFF

WARREN Christopher, the American Secretary of State, arrives in Israel today for talks with Israeli and Palestinian leaders to determine the fate of the moribund Middle East peace process.

The American envoy, who held lengthy talks with President Assad of Syria in Damascus yesterday before flying to Saudi Arabia and Kuwait, is due in Jerusalem this afternoon for a three-day visit to revive the Arab-Israeli talks initiated by his predecessor James Baker 16 months ago.

Although Mr Christopher has emphasised that his Middle East tour, his first foreign trip since coming to office, is intended as a familiarisation exercise, his mediation skills will be put to the test. Israel has made clear that it would like an immediate resumption of bilateral talks and plans to pursue in particular the dialogue with Syria. Yitzhak Rabin, the prime minister, has hinted broadly that he is prepared to make generous territorial concessions over the Golan Heights, captured from Syria in 1967, in return for peace with Damascus. Israel believes that, if a preliminary land-for-peace agreement can be concluded with Damascus this year, then its disputes with Lebanon, Jordan and ultimately the 1.8 Palestinians living under Israeli military rule in the occupied territories can also be resolved.

A protest that Jewish settlers from the Golan Heights had planned to hold outside Mr Rabin's office against territorial concessions to Syria has been banned by police. The Jerusalem demonstration was to be held during Mr Rabin's talks with Mr Christopher. Police also said that three lorryloads of snow from the Golan had been impounded yesterday as settlers headed into Jerusalem intending to dump it outside Mr Rabin's office during yesterday's cabinet meeting.

The Israeli strategy for the peace process ignores the continuing problem of the nearly 400 Palestinian deportees who have been stranded in southern Lebanon for more than two months despite a United Nations resolution calling for their immediate repatriation. Mr Christopher will have been told in every Arab capital on his itinerary that the expulsion order against the suspected Muslim militants from the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip must be reversed before the negotiations can resume.

However, after the Israeli cabinet meeting the police minister, Moshe Shachal, insisted that the left-wing coalition government would not make any further concessions, beyond its decision to allow 101 men to return immediately and to repatriate the remainder by the end of the year. "I think Israel has done more than enough to fulfil UN Resolution 799," he said.

The Palestinian leadership has served notice that, should that attitude persist during Mr Christopher's visit, it will not return to peace talks, a boycott that would be widely supported in the occupied territories.

A survey of opinion in the territories by the Jerusalem Media Communications Centre showed yesterday that four out of five Palestinians believed the talks should be boycotted until all the deportees had returned home. One-third of those questioned did not believe that the current peace process would ever produce a lasting settlement.

Faisal Husseini, the most prominent Palestinian leader in the occupied territories and the chief adviser to the Palestinian delegation to the talks, said yesterday: "The main case is the Palestinian case, and without solving it nothing else will be resolved. Anything accomplished would be incomplete and would create more problems."

□ **Chief rabbis chosen:** Israeli rabbinical and political leaders elected new chief rabbis yesterday after a campaign marred by allegations about the candidates.

Yisrael Lau, chief rabbi of Tel Aviv, was elected chief rabbi of Israel's Ashkenazi Jews (those of north and east European descent). Earlier this month an Israeli newspaper featured allegations by an astrologer that Rabbi Lau had tried to kiss her 20 years ago. He is suing her for libel.

Eliahu Bakshi-Doron, from Haifa, will head Israel's Sephardi community, those Jews originally from Mediterranean, Arab, and Asian countries. He had been rumoured to have taken part in draft-dodging fraud. *(Reuter)*

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Cry freedom: deportees chanting "freedom for Palestine" as Faddel Shroro, a Palestinian leader, centre, visited their tent camp yesterday

Left musters behind Rocard

FROM CHARLES BREMNER IN PARIS

LEADERS of the French Socialist Party, taking their defeat in next month's elections as inevitable, are manoeuvring to salvage their left-wing movement in opposition. Many have rallied behind Michel Rocard in his call for a new broad-based force to compete with the conservatives.

The shock waves of M Rocard's pre-electoral mutiny have been amplified by the failure of President Mitterrand, his old rival, to stir support for his administration in two long television appearances late last week. Opinion polls over the weekend showed that the persuasive power which had helped M Mitterrand win over public sentiment before last year's Maastricht referendum had deserted him this time. In contrast to his usual form, he appeared out of touch and defensive, explaining that international forces and not his administration were responsible for the country's economic ills. More viewers tuned into the rival channel to watch the nightly Bebette Show, the French equivalent of *Spitting Image*, in which M Mitterrand is played as a green frog called Dieu (God).

Leaders of the Gaullist and centre-right opposition voiced their scorn over the weekend for the president's charge that their programme for the next government was so frivolous it was not worth studying. "If his aim is to ensure that the predictable defeat of the Socialist Party is seen also clearly as his own personal defeat, he is no doubt going about it the right way," said Edouard Balladur, the Gaullist who is considered most likely to take the prime minister's post after the second round of the election on March 28.

M Rocard, who served as M Mitterrand's prime minister from 1988 to 1991, has been fêted by many Socialists and by the media for his gamble in calling for a "big bang" to transform the Socialist Party. Jacques Delors, who like M Rocard is positioning himself to run as a candidate in the next presidential election, is also expected to support the idea. Younger ministers in the Mitterrand government, including Bernard Kouchner, the health and humanitarian minister, have voiced their support for the foundation of a new left-wing movement.

French charity worker pulls off bank raid

BY CHARLES BREMNER

THE well-stocked annals of Riviera robbery include many a dashing villain, but none to match Hélène Renaux. A model bank employee, mother, charity worker and femme fatale, Mme Renaux has spent the weekend telling police how she organised the richest bank raid in French history.

La Belle Hélène, as the press called the assistant accountant from Toulon, was arrested last week after police pounced on a gang of Côte d'Azur underworld figures and seized money from a spectacular robbery on December 16. Mme Renaux, 41, said: "I gambled. I lost. I pay."

At first detectives had assumed that only professionals could have been responsible for the raid on the well-guarded branch of the Banque de France, the government financial institution. A team of about 15 had taken a guard hostage at his home, tied explosives to him and forced him to take them to the bank strong-room at the moment the time-lock would open. They filled their suitcases with 160 million francs (£20 million).

Police discovered that Mme Renaux had set up home with a video shop owner known for shady connections, but she still seemed an unlikely suspect. "She was slim, beautiful, elegant and nice," said a neighbour in the village of Beausset.

Two new ministers named

BY JOHN PHILLIPS

GIULIANO Amato, the Italian prime minister, reshuffled his cabinet yesterday after the resignation of two ministers caught up in the wake of the corruption scandal, but the shake-up was less drastic than expected.

The main change made by the embattled Socialist leader was the appointment of Beniamino Andreatta, a respected Christian Democrat adviser for economic affairs, as budget minister. Signor Andreatta takes the place of Franco Reviglio, an economist who moved over to become finance minister, replacing Giovanni Goria, the Christian Democrat, who resigned on Friday.

Raffaele Costa, previously a minister who had responsibility for regional affairs, was named as health minister, replacing Francesco De Lorenzo, who also resigned on Friday.

Final touches on the reshuffle are expected today when Signor Amato examines the position of junior ministers. Up to five under-secretaries risk losing their jobs because of speculation about their possible links to the year-long corruption scandal that has dominated the political scene.

The changes at senior ministerial level stopped short of the more radical surgery many observers expected would be necessary to shore up Signor Amato's shaky four-party coalition. There was surprise in political circles that Giuseppe Guarino, the industry minister, who opposes Signor Amato's plans for sweeping privatisation, remained in his post.

Italian reshuffle merely delays needed reforms

FROM JOHN PHILLIPS IN ROME

■ **Change is on the way as Italian voters press for a speedy end to a widely unpopular electoral system**

By patching together a rearranged cabinet, Giuliano Amato again has showed his gift for tactical manoeuvring and his capacity to soldier on in the face of adversity. Something more fundamental is taking place, however: a seismic shift in the Italian political system.

Signor Amato's manoeuvring may not save this unpopular and increasingly unworkable system for much more than a few months at best. Survival in the medium term for Signor Amato, with widened support from other parties that so far has been denied him, will be influenced by whether parliament quickly introduces political reform to end the electoral system based on of proportional representation that has reigned since the second world war.

If parliament does not act to usher in something closer to a two-party system, the Italian people almost certainly will. A referendum this spring inspired by Mario Segni, a maverick Christian Democrat, is designed to make voting for the Senate less proportional. Similar moves are planned for the Chamber of Deputies, a quarter of whose members have been named in corruption scandals.

The Socialist leader has acted swiftly to replace his health and finance ministers, who resigned on Friday. The latest ministerial departures relate to the corruption scandal that began in Milan a year ago and has gone on to discredit virtually the entire Italian political class, including Bettino Craxi, Signor Amato's former mentor. The arrival at the budget ministry of Beniamino Andreatta, an experienced economist, can be expected to have a positive effect on the lira in financial markets.

However, it was clear yesterday that Signor Amato did not have it all his own way in heated discussions over the weekend. In particular, he was evidently unable to control Giuseppe Guarino, the renegade industry minister, who has threatened to resign rather than accept demotion. Signor Amato has sought to strip Signor Guarino of some of his powers by appointing a new minister to head the government's privatisation programme, which Signor Guarino opposes.

The decree formalising the transfer of power on privatisation will have to be approved by parliament, however, and Signor Guarino has said he will organise opposition to it in the lower house. Many political observers believe the antics of Signor Guarino reflect his links to Giulio Andreotti, the veteran Christian Democrat and former prime minister, who Signor Amato replaced after the general election last April. Signor Andreotti epitomised the old type of Cold war Italian politician who was adept at averting any moves for a Communist takeover.

Most Italians agree that Signor Andreotti's day is over. Yet Signor Amato is evidently unable to eradicate his anti-privatisation influence, which would deprive many political appointees of comfortable state industry sinecures.

In drawing up his new appointments, Signor Amato admirably refused to be swayed by rumour and defended trusted players in his battered team. There had been speculation in the press, for example, that Franco Reviglio, formerly the budget minister, might become a liability because he previously worked as a chairman of the state-run energy corporation, ENI, which has been the focus of the attention of Milan judges investigating corruption. There have been no judicial moves against Signor Reviglio, however, and Signor Amato is understood to have vouched for his honesty in talks with President Scalfaro. Signor Reviglio duly moved over to head the finance ministry in the reshuffle.

As soon as Signor Amato's reshuffle became public knowledge yesterday, the opposition again demanded his head and a new general election.

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Lamborghini: began by making cars from tanks

Supercar king dies in Perugia

FROM AP IN PERUGIA

FERRUCCIO Lamborghini, founder of the luxury car company bearing his name, has died in Perugia after a heart attack. He was 76.

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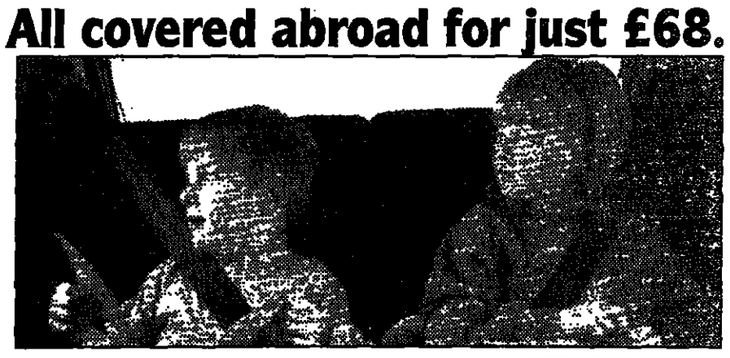

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Britain sees food airdrop in Bosnia as last resort

■ A mercy airlift to besieged Muslims is fraught with hazards, but RAF Hercules planes are ready to join an American run

BY MICHAEL EVANS, DEFENCE CORRESPONDENT

AN AMERICAN proposal to drop food aid into eastern Bosnia, where thousands of Muslims are starving, was greeted with little enthusiasm in London last night. British officials referred to it as an option of last resort.

The plan is one of many that have been put forward in Washington, reflecting the policy change towards Bosnia since the arrival of President Clinton at the White House. American officials expect the RAF to join in. The RAF has extensive experience in dropping food from C130 Hercules transport aircraft, having carried out successful missions in Ethiopia, northern Iraq, Somalia and Guatemala.

However, defence ministry sources said that a similar operation over eastern Bosnia, where the Serbs have blocked road convoys of food and medicine to Muslim communities, would be a far more dangerous exercise. They said the planes would be vulnerable to ground-to-air missile attacks.

Officials in Washington drawing up outline plans for an air drop envisage flights of Hercules planes, protected by ground attack aircraft, dropping pallets of food and medicine near the towns and villages now under Serbian siege.

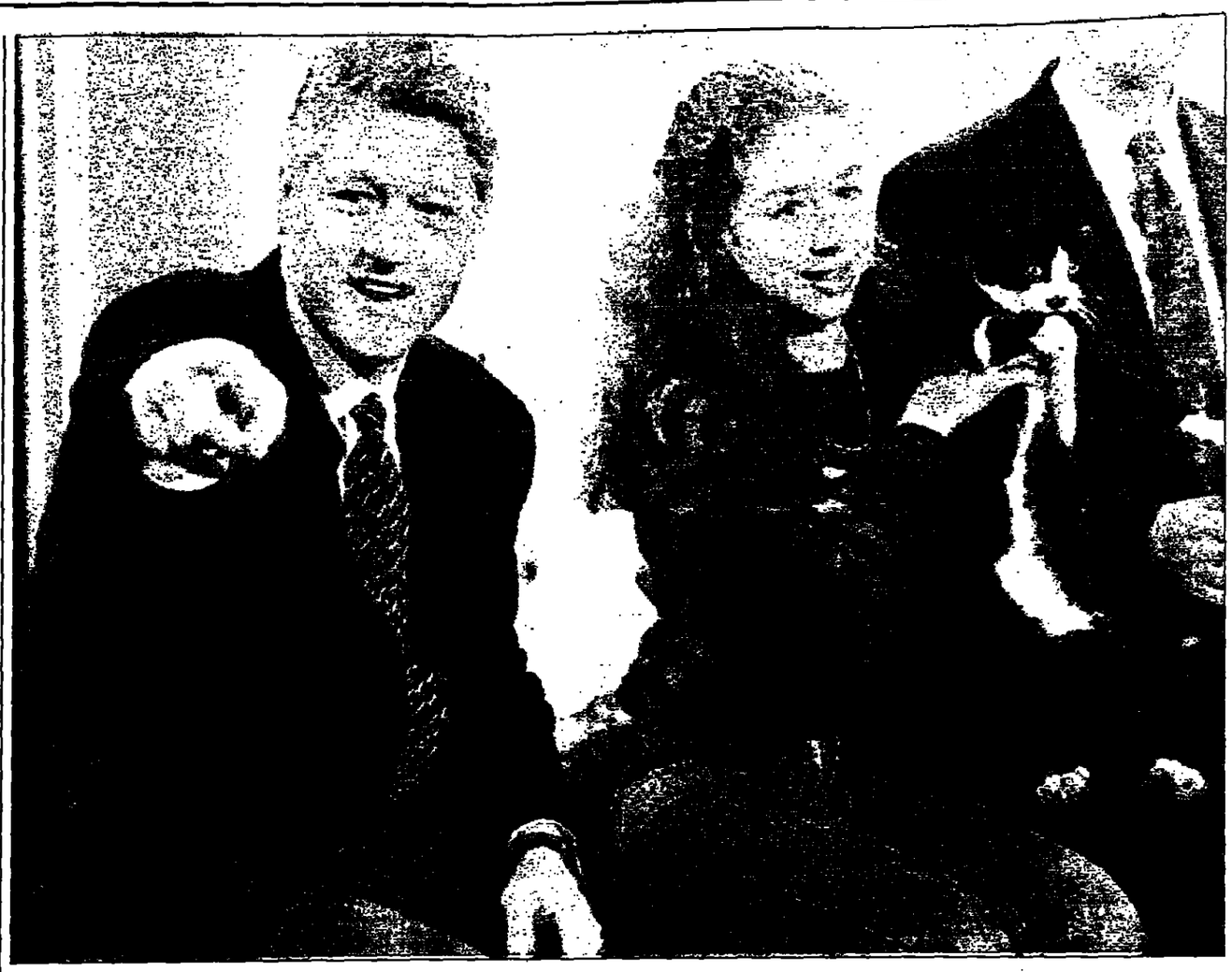
If a decision was taken to involve RAF planes in an emergency air drop of food, two Hercules aircraft, now at the Nato base at Ancona in Italy, would fly from there. There are already contingency plans to send Tornado F3 air defence aircraft and Jaguars to Italy to enforce a no-fly zone over Bosnia. These planes, therefore, could be sent to provide protection to Hercules aircraft.

Fighter-bomber support for an air drop mission would be a significant step towards Western military intervention in the Bosnian civil war. Defence ministry sources said an air drop over Bosnia would be far more complex than similar missions carried out over Somalia or northern Iraq, where the ground environment was less threatening. There were also large open spaces where the food could be dropped.

Although an air drop seems unlikely at this stage, the fact that the option has been studied seriously in Washington by the National Security Council underlines the willingness of the new American administration to get involved in Bosnia.

Last night a UN aid convoy reached the besieged Muslim town of Zepa after being waved through a Serb roadblock. Last week the Serbs had blocked the 10-truck convoy.

☐ **Paris:** A prisoner exchange involving 54 Serbs and 54 Bosnians has been completed in Bosnia by French and Red Cross officials, the French government reported. *(AP)*



Meet the family: President Clinton, with his daughter Chelsea and her cat Socks, fielding questions during a children's television show at the weekend. The TV appearance was part of Mr Clinton's efforts to sell his economic package, announced in last week's State of the Union address (Wolfgang Münchau writes from Washington). He had invited 40 children from all over the country to the live chat show from the White House, and urged young Americans to write to members of Congress in defence of the programme. "When I was your age, it was a lot easier to be young than it is now," he told them, but the children were mainly concerned with matters other than economics. Yesterday Mr Clinton's tour to promote his programme continued on the West Coast. The White House and Democratic leaders are lobbying to prevent the package from being torn to pieces by Congress. The plan may have been hailed as the first credible attempt to cut the budget deficit, but senior Democrats have privately raised objections. Some suspect that the proposed spending cuts are not tough enough and that the tax increases are too soft, while others fear that the package will damage their states. Public support for the package remains strong at 62 per cent, according to a *Time*/Cable News Network poll. Conservative Democrats in Congress are concerned that they are being asked to vote on the palatable proposals first, such as spending increases, before having to deal with spending cuts and higher taxes. Senator David Boren of Oklahoma told Democrats not to devour their "pudding" before their "spinach", otherwise the spectre of the tax-and-spend Democrats would return.

US cuts switch off Radio Free Europe

FROM BEN MACINTYRE IN NEW YORK

RADIO Free Europe and Radio Liberty, pillars of the American anti-communist propaganda machine, will perish under the Clinton economic plan.

The CIA established the stations in 1951 and 1953, at the height of the Cold war, to broadcast news and information in 24 languages to Eastern Europe and the Soviet Union. Since the collapse of communism the service has become increasingly irrelevant and expensive.

Mr Clinton has outlined savings of $644 million (£444 million) over five years by the US Board for International Broadcasting which oversees foreign-language broadcasts. Initially, Radio Free Europe and Radio Liberty will be merged with the US Information Agency, but by 1995 the two stations will be closed with the loss of 1,600 jobs, most of them in Munich.

Some regard the radio stations as anachronistic, but others maintain that they are a vital cultural force as well as a useful watchdog, given the uncertain political evolution of Europe's former communist countries.

☐ **Beatle power:** Fresh from its moral victory over NBC television over the reliability of its trucks, General Motors has taken on former Beatle Paul McCartney and his wife Linda — and lost.

Until last week GM still used live animals as crash dummies when testing new car designs for safety, but when the company tried to place a car advertisement on the inside cover of the McCartneys' world tour book, it was turned down. Last week GM changed its policy on animal testing.

McCartney: forced GM to alter policy

Clinton ready to show Major his friendly face

Suggestions that the US government is cool towards Britain irritate officials. The tensions that do exist are over trade, ***Martin Fletcher*** *writes from Washington*

Twenty-two Rhodes scholars have been given senior jobs in the Clinton administration. CIA officials cite the number to protest, in jest, that America's new government is riddled with British "sleepers". British officials cite it, in advance of John Major's first meeting with President Clinton on Wednesday, to bolster their contention that transatlantic ties remain strong.

The script for this week's encounter is already written. The prime minister and Mr Clinton differ politically and, although no aide will say so publicly, the president was irritated by the Conservatives' blatant help for George Bush's re-election effort. The two leaders must be seen to get on well, however, if only to dispel the widespread perception that Anglo-American relations have deteriorated since a Democrat replaced a Republican at the White House.

Media preoccupation with the state of that relationship infuriates British and American officials. In recent weeks, they say, Mr Clinton has gone out of his way to show that he harbours no ill feeling towards Britain or its Tory government. Despite — or possibly because of — the adverse publicity, Mr Clinton agreed to see Mr Major before President Yeltsin of Russia or Kiichi Miyazawa, the Japanese prime minister. Ten days ago, as he was frantically developing his economic plan, the president made time to attend the dinner for the Prince of Wales given by Vice-President Al Gore. He has sought out Sir Robin Renwick, the British ambassador, at receptions. Mr Clinton enjoyed his two years at Oxford, worked with British Aerospace as governor of Arkansas, and is closer to Mr Major in age and background than Mr Bush.

Officials discount suggestions that Hillary Clinton dislikes the British. She has shown an interest in Britain's national health service as she seeks to reform American health care.

A senior British official said the Clintons and the Gores "could not be friendlier to us". The tensions that do exist are predominantly over trade. Wearing his British hat, Mr Major is expected to urge approval of British Airways' scaled-down plan to invest in USAir despite strong opposition from America's three big airlines, and to urge that Range Rover's North American operation is not crippled by the punitive new tariffs on minivans with which the administration may try to curb Japanese imports. With $120 billion (£83 billion) of British investment in America, the prime minister may also seek assurances that the administration will not discriminate against foreign firms in its search for extra revenue.

Wearing his European hat, Mr Major will seek to ease American-European Community tensions caused by Washington's rulings on steel imports and telecommunications procurement.

Mr Clinton is also being pressed to keep his campaign promise to send an envoy to Northern Ireland, but officials say the administration is anxious not to upset Britain in doing so. The two leaders could agree to a compromise whereby America would send a "fact-finder" sympathetic to the British point of view, possibly Tom Foley, the House Speaker.

Most disagreements over Bosnia have been resolved. British opposition helped to dissuade the administration from intervening militarily and arming the Bosnian Muslims and Mr Major has applauded Washington's new willingness to try to achieve and police a negotiated settlement. The president, realising Mr Yeltsin's downfall would have global repercussions, is also particularly anxious to discuss how best to support Russia's faltering reform efforts.

After a lunch at the British embassy with an array of senior administration figures, Mr Major will have afternoon talks and a working dinner with Mr Clinton at the White House.

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Bodyguard dishes the dirt on Raisa

FROM ANATOL LIEVEN IN MOSCOW

THE era of American-style memoirs about the private lives of the great by their former associates has now arrived in Russia, along with other Western democratic influences.

The latest of these, now being previewed in *Moscow News*, is written by a bodyguard of ex-President Mikhail Gorbachev, Major Yevgeni Glubkov, and it contains glimpses of the president's character and of his relations with world leaders, including Margaret Thatcher.

However, those looking for more mud concerning the fallen leader will be disappointed. Major Glubkov clearly liked and respected his master.

It was different with Raisa Gorbachev, whom he describes as "a whimsical lady spoiled by flattery and the general interest in her person", although he blames this more on the Gorbachevs' entourage than on her own character.

Major Glubkov, writing under the pen name Yan Kasimov, suggests that Raisa Gorbachev felt "some kind of jealousy" for Margaret Thatcher because of Mr Gorbachev's "warm and sincere relations" with her, and that she once described the British prime minister as "a stupid woman".

He says that Mrs Gorbachev was prone to outbursts of anger, and once ordered her husband to change his socks when going to dinner with Mrs Thatcher.

While describing most of the stories about Mrs Gorbachev as invention, the major writes that she had a considerable influence on Mr Gorbachev and that their talks, in which her husband would recapitulate the day's events and Raisa would offer advice, "did not by any stretch of the imagination resemble the usual talk between husband and wife".

Mrs Gorbachev in fact lost both ways in terms of popularity: while Russian men resented her and despised her husband because of her alleged influence, Russian women resented her for a lifestyle to which they could never aspire.

However, Major Glubkov says that Mrs Gorbachev never in fact possessed the legendary credit card for use on foreign trips which was so much talked about in Russia and which helped to undermine the popularity of her husband.

But he says that she would sometimes praise goods in Western shops in the expectation that she would promptly be given them. Otherwise, he says, she just likes visiting cafés.

In sharp contrast to the lavish lifestyles and near-orgies of much of the Communist elite under Brezhnev, according to Major Glubkov, the Gorbachevs "led the lives of recluses", possibly reflecting the austere ideology of Mr Gorbachev's political mentor, the KGB chief Yuri Andropov. Mr Gorbachev drank very little and did not hunt, but went fishing "to be on his own for a while".

The president collected Gorbachev jokes — though Major Glubkov does not say if he also collected Raisa jokes, of which there was a growing and increasingly bitter set under the Gorbachev rule.

Yeltsin deal 'doomed on first day'

FROM ANNE MCELVOY IN MOSCOW

THE power-sharing deal proposed last week by President Yeltsin of Russia and his main rival, Ruslan Khasbulatov, the parliamentary Speaker, looked doomed to failure on the first day of its draft negotiation at the weekend as both sides accused the other of intransigence.

Vladimir Shumeiko, the first deputy prime minister, who on Saturday chaired the first session of a working party charged with reaching a constitutional agreement between presidency and parliament, said that it had ended in failure. "The exchange of views between the two teams showed that the agreement would most probably be rejected by parliament," he said, adding that the parties had shown "different, and in some cases incompatible, approaches to the problems of concluding an agreement".

Vyacheslav Kostikov, Mr Yeltsin's spokesman, has accused Mr Khasbulatov of seeking to topple the president in the dispute over whether the conservative parliament or the reformist legislature and presidency should wield greater influence.

"The parliamentary Speaker seems bent on confrontation," Mr Kostikov told journalists. "He is prepared to sacrifice the chance of a compromise on a matter of national importance to his own lust for power."

☐ **Tokyo:** Japan and Germany will agree to invite President Yeltsin to a summit here in July by the Group of Seven industrialised countries, newspaper reports said. *(AFP)*

Ukraine's capitalist elite goes shopping

FROM ROBERT SEELY IN LVOV

AFTER eight months of stalling, Ukraine's mass privatisation programme to sell off tens of thousands of state enterprises began this weekend with an auction of 17 small shops in this provincial town.

Holding aloft the auctioneer's hammer, Volodimir Pilipchuk, a senior Ukrainian economist, said: "We begin a new era. The value of this hammer is many times the worth of the property we are selling."

Ukraine's privatisation programme is a crucial part of Western attempts, backed by Washington with numerous clean-cut US aid workers and financial advisers (most seemingly from the Irish Republic), to guide the republics in the former Soviet Union to the wonders of capitalism.

Although Ukraine's privatisation programme is smaller than Russia's, it dwarfs those of the less industrialised countries of Eastern Europe. The first stage of the process is to sell, by auction or tender, shops and service outlets.

The success of the weekend sale proved, according to Roberta Feldman, project manager in Lvov for the International Finance Corporation, the private-sector arm of the World Bank, that "there is a lot of money locked up in the Commonwealth of Independent States. The cash may be under mattresses, it may be in banks, but it wants somewhere to go".

Sale revenues exceeded conservative reserve prices by a factor of 400. The opening lot, the Sofia, which by Western standards is a rundown shop, had a reserve price of 150,000 Ukrainian karbovanets (£52), but was bought by the shop's manager for 25 million karbovanets (£8,550) to gasps of amazement. A total of 784 million karbovanets, or just under £275,000, was raised from 17 properties.

Oleg Gorbachuk, a businessman who had served a two-year prison sentence for currency speculation during the days of the Soviet Union, celebrated his first buy at the auction with a shot of vodka. Mr Gorbachuk, who manages a sausage factory among other things, said: "The shop is opposite the foreign students' dormitory at the university, so we hope to get a lot of hard currency sales. We have the money to buy another five."

Another buyer, Valery Kobits, flashed his gold teeth in satisfaction and said he had already bought three shops, one costing 28 million karbovanets (£9,650). "I would like to buy them all," said Mr Kobits, who also runs a US-Ukrainian joint venture from his wife's home in Chicago. According to Ukrainian law, the money raised on Saturday should go to fund further auctions.

Although the Ukrainian programme has started well, there is some doubt whether legal privatisation, as sponsored by the International Finance Corporation and other Western institutions such as the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development, can produce the snowball effect needed for economic reform to work. Directors of the corporation, however, believe that the Ukraine government will support moves to organise dozens of auctions throughout the country in an effort to stimulate economic growth.

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ANC pours scorn on non-whites picked for de Klerk cabinet

■ Pretoria's cabinet gesture towards integration did not please the ANC, but it was a canny first shot in the battle for Coloured votes

FROM MICHAEL HAMLYN IN JOHANNESBURG

PRESIDENT de Klerk has drafted into his cabinet one Indian and two Coloured ministers in a gesture towards racial integration. Some old National Party warhorses have been put out to pasture and some younger MPs have been promoted.

The gesture was ridiculed by the African National Congress, which said: "The fact that they begin duties on April 1, April Fools' Day, speaks for itself."

As the cabinet reshuffle was announced, the congress brought a lifting of economic and financial sanctions closer by telling an international solidarity conference in Johannesburg that specified sanctions should be lifted on three conditions — "the announcement of an agreed date for elections, on the establishment of the transitional executive council and the independent electoral and media commissions, and the enactment of the Transition to Democracy Act". According to the programme announced by President de Klerk last year and endorsed by the ANC, that could happen within the next few months.

Nelson Mandela, the ANC president, left his sick bed to address the conference, which decided to campaign for funds to help the ANC's election campaign . He has been told to rest for two weeks to recover from his exhaustion. Mr Mandela, 74, also has flu.

The ministers appointed to the cabinet include Bhadra Ranchod, who has never been an MP or even a member of the National Party. Until recently he was the South African ambassador to the EC in Brussels and was the only non-white diplomat of ambassadorial rank. He has now been given ministerial charge of tourism.

Jacobus "Jac" Rabie, the most senior and dynamic Coloured MP in the National Party, is given the population development ministry and is thus in charge of the birth control programme.

The ANC singled out Abe Williams, the new minister for sport. It said that, since he led boycott-breaking rugby teams to New Zealand, "his appointment does a disservice to the role the sports bodies are playing to bring about real reconciliation". The appointments mark the beginning of a battle for the electoral support of the Coloured and Indian communities, many of whom are as nervous as the whites over African domination of the new South Africa. Mr Rabie has already entered into the fray with enthusiasm, declaring that his community will support the National Party enthusiastically, despite what apartheid did to them.

The ANC called the new appointees "discredited and discarded tri-cameral figures", but has sensed these fears and recently has persuaded Allan Boesak, the Coloured leader of the Western Cape ANC region, not to resign. His religious background has made him profoundly mistrustful of the militant communists within his own party, who he believed had been plotting against him.

Dance delirium: police officers help a woman who fainted after overdoing the samba during a parade on the second day of Rio de Janeiro's annual carnival

MANDELA'S SCHEDULE

AFTER Nelson Mandela's cancellation of his appointments due to exhaustion, the African National Congress has published an example of his punishing schedule:

5am: Morning exercises, including riding exercise bike, walking.
6.30am: Breakfast — main meal of day. Porridge, hot milk and plenty of fruit. Reads newspapers.
7am: In office for press interview or meeting.
8.30am: Meeting with office staff to plan day/week.
9.30am: Public engagement with international guest.
10am: Meeting with one of ANC departments, for example, health department to plan conference on Aids.
11am: Meeting with commission on constitutional negotiations.
1pm: Working lunch with businessmen.
3pm: Meeting with ANC peace desk to discuss latest violence.
4pm: Meeting with an ambassador.
5pm: Book launch; delivers keynote address.
7.30pm: Meeting or dinner where he is keynote speaker or guest of honour.
9.30pm (approx.): Returns home. Studies documentation for next day.

Escobar family barred by US

FROM DAVID ADAMS IN MIAMI

THE children of Pablo Escobar, the fugitive Colombian drug baron, have been prevented from leaving the country to escape a wave of revenge attacks on the family's luxury properties.

The American embassy in Bogotá announced at the weekend that it had cancelled visas granted to Juan Pablo Escobar, 17, and his sister Manuela, 9. Their father is wanted on murder and drug trafficking charges in Colombia and America.

The children were prevented from leaving for Miami on Friday when they tried to board a plane in Medellín. According to Colombian press reports, they were accompanied by Escobar's nephews, an aunt and several bodyguards.

The police said they were not allowed on to the flight because they lacked a legal document to leave the country which requires the signature of both parents.

Escobar escaped from jail last July. His children say they have not seen him since. Bogotá and Washington have offered $6.25 million (£4.3 million) for information leading to his capture. There have also been reports that the wife and children of Gilberto Rodríguez Orejuela, another reputed drug cartel boss, have made expensive shopping trips to America. On one trip, credit card receipts showed that the family spent a total of $51,934 in various shops in the Miami area.

Last week a group calling itself Los Pepes (a Spanish acronym for "People Persecuted by Pablo Escobar") made nine attacks on property of the Escobar family. Armed men dynamited a chalet, two cabins and a stable at a luxury estate belonging to Escobar's in-laws. A house owned by his mother and a gallery owned by other relatives were burnt down. The group has also murdered associates of Escobar. Los Pepes say they will carry out two attacks on Escobar's family for every car bombing by him.

The police have linked recent blasts in Bogotá to a campaign by Escobar to force the government to accept conditions for his surrender.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Kohl takes trade lead in Asia

Bonn: Fresh from his visit to India, Helmut Kohl arrives in Singapore today to seek new markets for German business and demonstrate Bonn's growing influence in areas of the world where Germany has traditionally played a low-key role (Michael Binyon writes).

The chancellor, on a two-week tour to five Asian countries, will meet President Wee Kim Wee tomorrow. He leaves on Wednesday for Indonesia and will later visit Japan and South Korea.

Senegal votes

Dakar: Senegalese voted in presidential elections in defiance of a threat of violence by Casamance separatists after four people were killed in armed attacks. The incumbent, Abdou Diouf, a Socialist, is expected to win. *(AFP)*

General quits

Moscow: General Rahim Gasiev, Azerbaijan's defence minister, resigned after another military defeat inflicted by the Armenians, who claimed to have captured a village in northern Nagorno-Karabakh.

Verse curse

Tulsa: Yevgeni Yevtushenko, the Russian poet, said here that ten of his poems were omitted from a book published in 1970 because Yuri Andropov, the KGB chief at the timeand an amateur poet, thought that they insulted him. *(AP)*

Storm kills 60

Los Angeles: Southern California has started mopping up after a winter storm killed 60 people and left thousands without power. *(Reuter)*

Trunk line

Dhaka: An elephant in Bangladesh, whose calf was knocked down by a locomotive at Sylhet, blocked the next train and pummelled the engine until it could no longer run. *(AP)*

Scientists use fungus to attack rogue vine

BY NICK NUTTALL
TECHNOLOGY CORRESPONDENT

FORESTS in Queensland, Australia, are expected to turn bright yellow over the coming months as a fungus, collected by British scientists, begins attacking a prettily flowering but pestilent vine.

The fungus, which has arrived in Brisbane after being shipped in liquid nitrogen from Berkshire, may be the last hope for curbing the spread of *Cryptostegia grandiflora*, a rubber vine native to southwest Madagascar. It was introduced into Australia in 1890 to beautify and stabilise soil around old gold workings at Charters Towers.

Since then the vine has spread through the state's forests and is threatening the environmentally sensitive national parks of the Northern Territory.

"If it gets there, it could be disastrous. In Australia, this rubber vine can climb up 30 to 40 metres over the forest and bring trees down," Dr Harry Evans, a plant pathologist at the International Institute of Biological Control in Ascot, said. The institute is part of CAB International, the former Commonwealth Agricultural Bureau.

The vine, which thrives around waterways, is also preventing ranchers from getting livestock through entangled trees to local rivers.

Australian scientists have tried to eradicate the invasive vine, which has no natural checks or predators in Australia, with herbicides. Insects have also been introduced, but all attempts have failed.

With funding from the Queensland Department of Lands, Dr Evans and his team visited the vine's original habitat to find a natural biological enemy. The fungus, or rust, they brought back controls the pest by causing its leaves to fall off, reducing its ability to flower and produce seeds.

Rainbow in the gloom

LIBBY PURVES

Let me set the scene. The sky is dark grey. It is damply, rather than bracingly, cold. Outside, various sordid-looking farm animals lumber through the mud and fog. The papers are full of poverty and war. Breakfast has not been washed up.

Then into this greyness falls the tip of a rainbow. Among the bills and bargain offers from timeshare liars, there shimmers a wonderful, life-enhancing letter. Like most things at the end of rainbows it is not actually a pot of gold. *Au contraire*, its burthen is that a three-year-old bad debt of £2,462.22p owing to my husband is going to remain bad, since a county court N39 Order is one thing and a chap with an ability to vanish into thin air is quite another. Moreover this debt, connected with one of those invest-in-my-new-miracle-project-while-stocks-last proposals of the Thatcher years, is clearly just one corner of a much larger house of cards whose collapse made our man so prudently vanish.

So why did it cheer us up? Most bad debts are drab, provoking no more than a swift b-word and a passing sadness for the collapsed party. Business failures are dour, sad things. But this one glittered like a bauble in a jackdaw's nest. For on our behalf, a dutiful professional body had pursued the vanished one to his various former addresses, and sent our lawyer an account of his researches which quite stole our hearts away. Chummy, his neighbour said, had been "frighteningly handsome", a wearer of immaculate suits and flash ties who "... always seemed to have a different car outside, many of which he 'pranged'. He even talked about having a helicopter". They also observed that he was full of interesting projects, such as "turning a deconsecrated church into luxury flats".

In the dank, respectable morning we warmed ourselves over our quarry's spurious 1980s glitter. This was no sad, honest failure, but a man who lived in golden realms of fantasy. He did not fill in cheque-stubs and fret about overdrafts like us. If he had an overdraft, I bet he would borrow to cover it, then nip outside and sell the bank to a passing Japanese tourist as an unmissable disco development. He was Mr Toad and the Artful Dodger and P.G. Wodehouse's Ukridge, magnificent on borrowed fivers and dodgy wheezes. And if you are going to be swindled, you might as well have it done by a professional. Someone with a bit of style.

It reminded me of other such satisfactions: My mother, engaged years ago in some baroque Irish litigation, found herself siding enthusiastically with her opponent when she started to hear the local legends about his youth. As an apprentice tailor, he once took revenge on an employer by accepting a bed for the night then sneaking down in the small hours to the machine-room with the blankets off it. He made them into "a fine warm suit" he sold to a farmer at the dawn market in Clonakilty. She basked in the reflected glory.

> Until some bank got windy, she and her husband both drove Porsches

A similar glow emanates these days from the growing — if more honest — class of the Nouveau Ruined. To qualify, you must have been living with lordly flamboyance and peacocks before your big dive, but eschew self-pity in favour of dramatic anecdote. The archetypal Nouveau Ruined is the lady who answered our advertisement for a part-time housekeeper to sort out the children's socks and cook their tea. She arrived with the information that until some bank got windy, she and her husband drove his 'n' hers company Porsches; and that she had rather more recently been cleaning a pub.

She still occasionally startles us by tossing the sausages into a pan with the airy information that the Official Receiver is proving "tiresome" over sums we are unlikely to earn this decade. We nod, humbly and admiringly.

Other surreal Nouveau Ruined events include the abrupt appearance of For Sale signs outside one great house where a year back we played roulette with MPs and notables; another swooped upon by the Revenue, and various ex-magnificos now considering their position in caravan-parks. This is not *schadenfreude*; the joy of real NRs is the suspicion that when we are still grinding along in our prudent middling way, they will have spotted another opening and shot past us again on the way up, pausing only to order fresh peacocks. Oh all right, purse your lips if you like. But it sure as hell beats thinking about war.

SIMON WALLER

Life in the fast lane: Frances Heaton says she has "never done enough of anything in life. But there are only 24 hours in a day and I need seven hours' sleep, which is tedious"

The City's frenetic First Lady

The Bank of England's only woman non-executive director finds she has been thrust, reluctantly, into the spotlight. **Alice Thompson** reports

When Frances Heaton laughs, her eyes crinkle up and her feet wriggle. But Mrs Heaton rarely laughs for journalists. The director general of the City of London's Panel on Takeovers and Mergers, and the First Lady of the City cannot bear the media: "Quite dreadful." She loathes the idea of selling herself, has never been on television or radio, and says she has only just got used to giving speeches.

But Mrs Heaton's quest for anonymity has been thwarted. Last week she became the first woman non-executive director of the Bank of England, condemning herself to a closer relationship with the press.

When I met her the honeymoon period appeared to be at an end. Remarks like "It's kind of you to see me so quickly" were greeted with, "Well I always believe getting awful things over as soon as possible."

But it is easy to see why the City establishment regards her as such a valuable asset. She is competent, efficient, authoritative — and a woman as well. Conscious of the weight of expectation placed on her, she answers questions thoughtfully and deliberately. "I assume I was chosen because of my unusual blend of experience." Her career has been split equally between the Treasury and merchant banking.

The qualities this 48-year-old most admires are reliability and loyalty. Her new role as "a member of the court" will be to advise the governor once a week on policy matters of the day, "a sort of external sounding board", for the princely sum of £500 a year.

The Bank has undoubtedly picked up a bargain. Presented with the *Financial Times* assessment of the Bank as "a caring midget, uncertain of its strength and anxious, at all costs, to avoid putting it to the test", Mrs Heaton manages to look genuinely surprised. "I suppose both the Treasury and the Bank of England have suffered a little battering since the Eighties boom." Of criticism of the Bank's role in the BCCI scandal, she says: "It appears to have been a chastening experience."

We talk about her present job in her exceedingly smart offices in the Stock Exchange Tower overlooking the Square Mile. She is on secondment for two years from Lazard Brothers. "The panel's objective is straightforward and no-nonsense," she says. "It is to ensure that shareholders of companies that are being bid for are treated properly. This system has been going for 25 years and seems to work very well."

The takeover panel is always pointed to as an outstanding example of self-regulation by those in the City. Mrs Heaton, unsurprisingly, is no exception. "Self-regulation stands heads and shoulders above because it is quick, inexpensive, flexible and certain." She points to the Guinness trials as an example of the problems of a more legalistic approach.

Mrs Heaton has more time to consider these issues, as the volume of takeovers has dropped in the 1990s. "There was a time in the late Eighties when everyone was working 8am to 10pm and every weekend." This is the first time that Mrs Heaton really smiles.

"Here you are in a quasi-judicial capacity as against an adversarial one. It makes me realise what a competitive creature I am. I love the market. In busy times there is

> 'I do worry it has been tough for the family. I have never been at everyone's beck and call, so they always knew my job came first unless there was a crisis'

decision after decision and the adrenalin is so high. I really miss that." Her feet start to wriggle and she has to pin her hands under the desk.

Mrs Heaton has always found it difficult to sit still. As a pupil at Queen Anne's School, Caversham, in Berkshire, she was, by her own admission, wilful, single-minded and exceedingly ambitious — as a horsewoman. Her life revolved around fetlocks and forelocks and pony club eventing, but unlike most other pigtailed county lasses, Mrs Heaton was determined to make it to the top and was good enough from an early age to have tutored the likes of Hugh Thomas, the Olympic rider-turned-commentator.

Her father, a Hampshire hop and potato farmer, with an income swelled by parenting the country's first potato planter, remained unimpressed. "My father was wonderful, but work always came first. He wouldn't have appreciated it if I'd gone swanning off on my horse." Her father never regretted his firm hand. Mrs Heaton obviously does. "Part of me still wishes I had stood up to him. If I could be anything now, it would still be a professional rider."

Instead she went to Trinity College, Dublin — "a little more exciting than Oxbridge" — where she met her husband and got a first in law. She managed to sit the Civil Service exams without realising what they were. "It never entered my head I would have a career, let alone in finance, but I liked the exam so I thought I would stay for a couple of years." She stayed eight years, first in the Department of Economic Affairs and then at the Treasury — "very august but not eminently practical" — before finally managing to get a secondment at S. W. Warburg, in the bank's corporate finance department.

"For the first time I loved my job, but I am a workaholic and Warburg's was very intense, so it was terrible for my family. They never knew when I was getting home."

She compromised by going to Lazard Brothers. "A very Anglo-Saxon bank with longer lunches." She was older than most entrants, ex-Civil Service, ex-Warburgs and a mother. "A very unattractive mixture," she said, laughing.

By now Mrs Heaton is chatting to the photographer and joking, and you can see why she is nervous of journalists. She is refreshingly straightforward and has no truck with the distancing platitudes that serve as a self-defence mechanism for those constantly in the public eye.

She is the first to broach the subject of her family. At weekends she lives on her farm with her husband, who is a chartered surveyor, two teenage sons, a stable full of horses and 40 sheep. "Sadly, my husband is allergic to horses so he has the sheep," she grins.

Her children are self-sufficient, capable and, on occasions, saints. "I do worry that it has been tough for them, but they are very supportive and I think they find it quite fun now having a successful mother." Her husband is also used to her frenetic activity. "I have never been at everyone's beck and call, so the family always knew my job came first unless there was a crisis."

She believes good nannies saved her and thinks the government should do more about childcare. "It is impossible for a woman to work if she knows her children are miserable at home."

Is she a feminist? "No," she says, she is not, but adds: "If this means equal opportunities, yes." Confused, she asks the photographer to bring her the dictionary. A 1977 edition says "Feminism — an addiction to feminine ways". "I am certainly not that," she says.

She does not have women's breakfast meetings or see herself as a female role model, but she is concerned about women at work. She misses having women around her and would like to have had a daughter to carry on the female line. "It is very sad when a woman has to make a conscious decision not to have a family due to her career. A family is by far the most important job for both sexes, otherwise when you retire you are left a very lonely creature wondering whatever you've done in the world."

It is almost impossible to see Mrs Heaton retiring. She says: "I have never done enough of anything in life. I could have worked harder, ridden harder, seen more of my children. But there are only 24 hours in a day and I need seven hours' sleep, which is tedious."

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Americans are finding ways of dealing with deluded fans who stalk and threaten celebrities

Can laws stop the obsessed?

Helena Bonham Carter and her parents went to court last week to ask for protection from an obsessive fan.

Five years of harassment from a 27-year-old Scotsman who plagued the actress at the family home with unwanted telephone calls, visits and letters had driven them to act.

For thousands, the problem of the over-zealous fan or unrequited lover has become much more than a matter of tiresome telephone calls in the middle of the night.

To date, no British laws deal specifically with stalking, though if America's crime trends are anything to go by, Parliament may soon be forced to follow that country's lead in making it a punishable crime. Lawmakers and corporations there are both taking steps to protect not just stars but also ordinary citizens from the mad, the bad and the deluded.

In 1990, California became the first state to institute anti-stalking laws; today 31 states have such laws which guard against wilful, malicious and repeated harassing of another person and/or their families. Convicted stalkers face prison sentences ranging from 30 days to seven years, and may be fined from $750 to $10,000.

But even with new laws on the books stalking is a tough crime to control. "It's very difficult creating a class of crimes that until recently weren't viewed as crimes," says Noel Koch, President of International Security Management, an American firm that assesses threats for companies around the globe. "Unfortunately, being a pain in the ass is not against the law in our society until it's too late," Mr Koch says.

For those in the entertainment industry, stalking is a real and ever-present danger. Apart from the personal risk, the loss of a major movie star can cost a company millions; and there is also the threat of lawsuits from actors who feel they have not been properly protected.

Driven by such fears, Hollywood has been searching for the way to sift the psychotic from the ordinary fan. ISM, pioneering a computer programme known as Threat Data Tracking System, has managed to break down stalking activity into several definite categories.

Bonham Carter: plea

The company has input more than 500 letters and photographs into its system, and noted phone calls, visits and other attempts to intimidate victims, as well as stalkers' characteristics.

Scanning through the database is a sorry business. It is an unrelenting tale of loneliness and despair — of people pouring out their frustrations to individuals they have never met in a mixture of poetry, prose and madness.

"Once we get a line on these people we hope to be able to predict what will trigger them to commit violent actions," says Mr Koch. "Then we can develop a more effective intervention strategy — whether that means protecting the victim or restraining the stalker."

Three basic types of stalker have been identified: those who refuse to give up real relationships that have gone awry; those who become obsessed with a superficial relationship established through work or leisure activities; and those who invent completely artificial relationships with someone, usually a celebrity, whom they have never met.

The last category of stalker, usually known as a celebrity stalker, is the most difficult to track. "The first letters or phone calls received by a victim might seem relatively innocuous," says Beth Finkelstein, senior analyst at ISM, "so they don't get noted right away. Only after letters and phone calls increase in length and volume do people finally take action, by which time valuable data has been lost.

"Also," she says, "letters or phone calls may be received by several members of a celebrity's entourage instead of the celebrity themselves, making it more difficult to co-ordinate information and access the level of danger posed by a potential attacker."

The actress Rebecca Schaeffer was used to receiving fan mail from ardent admirers. The 21-year-old actress was a rising star with Warner Brothers. To Robert Bardo, a 17-year-old high school student from Tucson, Arizona, she represented the ideal woman. He wrote her fan letters, collected articles about her and repeatedly watched videotapes of her television show. He then attempted to visit her at a Hollywood studio carrying a giant teddy bear and a bouquet of flowers.

Not long after being turned away at the gate, Bardo paid a private detective to find Schaeffer's home address. He called on her one morning in July 1989 and when she answered the door shot her once in the chest, killing her instantly. The ISM database should be able to give early warning of future Bardos.

"The people who express love are often more threatening than those who express hate or direct agression," says Laure Lynch, a consultant at ISM who has analysed hundreds of letters sent to victims.

But while new technology may make it easier for the stars to foil stalkers, it may be some time before ordinary citizens enjoy access to such sophisticated systems. Meanwhile, police departments across America are taking cues from the Los Angeles Police Department, which runs the nation's only Threat Management Unit dealing primarily with domestic stalking.

Detective Supervisor Greg Boles says: "We never tell a victim, 'it's okay, nothing is going to happen to you'. We realise anything can happen in these cases. Just when we think we've seen the most abnormal and bizarre, something else comes along to beat it."

RENÉ RILEY-ADAMS

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Shapely and refined, it fits and flares, gently hugging as it falls. This is the freshest image for the summer

Simply, the dress

Fashion

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If it is true that a picture can speak a thousand words, fashion photographs must speak volumes. Leafing through old magazines it becomes obvious that specific periods in fashion history have produced very particular images.

The mid-1980s gave us the tough looking, severely structured two-piece suit which soon became the formula for working women the world over. By the end of the decade, the jacket remained intact, albeit softened around the edges, but teamed instead with tight-fitting leggings, or, on occasion, worn singularly with nothing other than opaque tights.

The movement in fashion over the past season or so covers fresh ground, giving us new standards measured by a very different yardstick, reflecting changes in society.

As business, big money and brash materialism have been put on the back-burner, the importance of a straight, jacketed look has become almost redundant. The jacket today has been transformed beyond compare from its previous incarnation (it is now cardigan-like), and the emphasis on a softer, gentler mood sees a new star emerge. The dress.

The antithesis of the layered, and patchwork, pieced-together looks which dominated the catwalks of London, Milan, Paris, and New York, the spare silhouette of the dress stood out for its sheer refreshing simplicity. It shone bright, the ultimate confirmation that the return of femininity was the big mood swing of the moment.

This summer's dress is shapely and refined. It fits and flares, but never nips. Gently hugging the torso it falls, stopping just short of the floor, somewhere between calf and ankle. The economical cut of the body is counterbalanced by metre upon metre of swirling fabric flowing about the legs.

In keeping with the overall feel for fluidity and movement, the new dress is a combination of immaculate cutting and aqueous fabrication. Bereft of noticeable detailing, the secret of its success lies in intricate darts and tucks which change a flat piece of fabric into a waterfall of jersey, crepe or chiffon.

Gianni Versace astounded his audience with some of the simplest fashion statements he has made in a long while. Primary coloured dresses screamed from the catwalk, the designer pursuing his penchant for all-things bold and boisterous, but the understated ease with which they draped about the models proved Versace is not all show. Sinuous columns were split at the back, while full-skirted versions featured several seams slashed high on the leg.

British designer Caroline Charles echoes this look with a series of longer line dresses, which manage to be ladylike and modern at the same time. Jasper Conran and David Fielden both offer some of the most ingenious, body contoured dresses in classic blue, black and white.

Back in Milan, Giorgio Armani sent out models in neutral shaded dresses, which swept the floor. With little T-shirt sleeves, and low scooped necks, they looked particularly cool. Armani showed them worn under another of the winning styles — the waistcoat.

The look is universal. French designer Claude Montana offers some of the slinkiest dresses in creamy tones, little more than elongated luxurious vests. Helmut Lang's dresses are exactly that, cut in soft grey cotton jersey, as are those at Lanvin.

Each designer works the dress into their collection, making appropriate stylistic adjustments. Karl Lagerfeld gives the Chanel dress shoulder straps, cutting it in panels which flare out into a fluted hem. For Chlöe he goes for a cover-up effect. Neatly fitted long sleeves, a high waist cut just under the bosom, and endless tiny covered buttons down the front. They are romantic and floaty, echoing his earlier creations for the house when he ruled supreme in the 1970s.

An alternative to this clean, straightforward look is the return of the tea dress. Patterned with floral tributes, it is reminiscent of the 1930s dance dresses featured in the film, *They Shoot Horses, Don't They?* Bias cut dresses in printed chiffon, georgette, and lightweight cotton fluttered breezily around the globe.

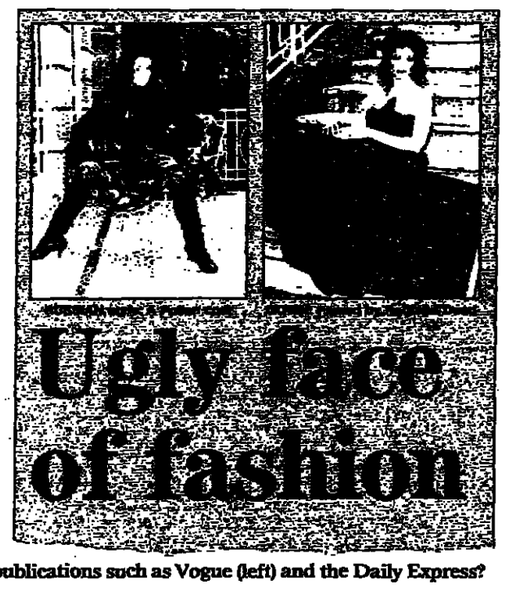
Everybody has done a version. Ralph Lauren, Perry Ellis, Katharine Hamnett, Valentino, Dolce & Gabbana, and again Lagerfeld for Chanel. It is a look which has been seized upon by the high street, who offer amazingly strong options — Top Shop, Miss Selfridge, French Connection, among others.

With so many choices, and a myriad of styles available, it seems as if the dress is destined to make its mark on fashion in the 1990s. For summer 1993 the dress is simply the best.

ABOVE LEFT: TURQUOISE SILK JERSEY SPLIT DRESS, £854, YELLOW BUTTERFLY PLATFORM SHOES TO ORDER, BOTH BY GIANNI VERSACE, 34-35 OLD BOND STREET, W1; 92 BROMPTON ROAD, SW1; THE VERSACE COLLECTION, THE ITALIAN CENTRE, 162 INGRAM STREET, GLASGOW
ABOVE RIGHT: V-BACKED RED CREPE DRESS, £902, GIANNI VERSACE AS BEFORE; SHOES AS BEFORE
PHOTOGRAPHS: MARTYN THOMPSON. MAKE-UP: SHARON IVE. HAIR: ADAM MELI FOR ANTHONY YACOMINE

Praise British fashion, don't bury it

Is it not time that we gave our home-grown industry credit where credit is clearly due?



Press views: is the industry being let down by publications such as Vogue (left) and the Daily Express?

The March issue of *Vogue* magazine is on the bookstands. The cover features Croydon's own supermodel, Kate Moss, all doe-eyes and scrubbed skin. Across her chest is the banner headline: LONDON STYLE ... LONDON GIRLS. Underneath is written: fashion's new spirit. Inside an article explains, "After years of having the international beauty standard set by glowing superwomen ... London Girl has come into her own." The cover photograph of Miss Moss was taken by Corinne Day, described as, "another scrap of a girl with a whispery south London accent", whose international success story mirrors Miss Moss's own.

Truly British successes. True British style celebrated by British *Vogue*. On the cover Kate Moss is wearing a simply sweet looking top in pale pink and blue by ... Chanel.

Hang on a minute, surely some mistake. Wouldn't it have been more in keeping to have slipped Miss Moss into a little number by Jasper Conran, or John Galliano, or Katharine Hamnett, or ... *anyone* British?

The day *Vogue* fell onto my desk, the British tabloid fashion press focused in on its own industry, after the launch of British Fashion Week, held the previous day at the Ritz Hotel in Piccadilly. Their efforts were equally distressing. "If this is supposed to be the best of British fashion, can you imagine what the worst would look like?" read the headline in the *Daily Mail*. "Ugly face of fashion", read the *Daily Express*.

Photographs accompanied the articles, of young looking models (perhaps not as "super" as Kate Moss herself, but indisputably in her mould — all fresh faced and natural hair) wearing designs by Arabella Pollen, John Rocha, Ghost, Helen Storey, Red or Dead, Michiko Koshino, and Monix. The clothes on show were a mix of floral patchworks; hippy looks; long vest dresses; a lacy catsuit; a tough-looking "home-boy" outfit; and a wacky ballgown and matching handbag. All fashionable on the international scene.

Some were, as one of the papers disparagingly pointed out, "set off by Dr Marten boots". What, like the boots Karl Lagerfeld showed at Chanel? No, these were real Dr Marten boots, they weren't a French designer copy. Would this have made them any better?

If the glow-in-the-dark ballgown was by Moschino would the press have sneered? If the rope-soled platform shoes had a Ralph Lauren label sewn in (they were almost identical) would they have cheered? Probably, judging by their tone.

The designers were pilloried next to the "sheer opulence" of Gianni Versace, or "classic elegance" of Valentino. This is unfair. How can small-scale British companies compare with such huge international businesses? Quite simply they do not have the money to stage seductive extravaganzas. Neither do they have the wherewithal to attract supermodels such as Naomi Campbell, or Kate Moss to wear their designs. And isn't it a little sad that serious fashion journalists imagine that if they did, the clothes would somehow be better?

One of the papers asked: "Is it any wonder that the foreign press and buyers prefer to go straight to Milan, Paris and New York without bothering to stop in London?" Of course not, when our own press do their dammedest to scupper the chances of it ever happening. American, French and Italian periodicals do their utmost to support their own designers. The British do not, and it is not because our designers are not talented. They simply are not packaged right.

It is easy to wax lyrical about the sumptuous and special, about foreign talent showing designs in gilded palaces with everything fed to you on a silver platter. It is harder perhaps to see beyond the fabulous packaging.

Big companies can wine and dine and send gorgeous presents. They have big budgets, and big budgets buy big pages of advertising. British designers cannot. Supporting our own designers seems to be a genuine problem for some, and the drain of talent leaving these shores only to receive rave reviews abroad has become a sad fact of life.

The clothes shown at the British Fashion Week preview may not have been the best of British fashion, but they showed that the British are trying. Is that such a bad thing?

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ANN BLOCKLEY'S PIGS FOR

EHRMAN TAPESTRY

Ann Blockley, the Gloucestershire watercolourist, has designed this delightful tapestry of pigs surrounded by a wide border of fruits and leaves in a soft mixture of greens, pinks, russet reds and faded yellows which blend together beautifully. The sow and piglets in pinks and charcoal markings, are walking over a field stitched in variegated greens. The leaves of the border are a drift of beech leaf, fern, moss and hunting green while the apples and pears are a mixture of faded peach, russet red, cinnamon, hazel, flaxen yellow and off-white. It makes a lovely cushion or picture.

Measuring 14.5" x 14.5" the design is printed in full colour on 10 holes to the inch canvas. 100% pure wool from the Anchor tapestry range is used and the design can be worked in either half-cross or tent stitch. The kit costs £37.50 including postage and packing and comes complete with wool, canvas, needle and instructions. When ordering use FREEPOST - no stamp needed.

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Matthew Parris

In which the forthright columnist apologises to all the people he has hurt in the course of his polemics

"No, no, no, Mr Parris, you do *not* fill the 'boiler with coal on a steam engine' (*The Times*, February 15). You fill the *fire box*; the boiler is full of water and steam. What is more, you do *not* 'just shovel it in' but use some modicum of judgment and skill. Each type of locomotive has a particular shape to the fire box. Each one has to be fired in a certain way, a round fire, a sloping fire . . ." My correspondent, from Wales, signs off as *ex-GWR fireman*.

"Dear Mr Parris, I have enjoyed your columns in both *The Times* and *Investors' Chronicle* since you started publishing, but I have always despaired of your punctuation — particularly your use of the colon. Your contribution today finally drives me to write . . ."

If my correspondence is anything to go by, *Times* readers are a quite amazingly diverse bunch of people. In the course of writing columns I have (variously) pleased, bored, baffled or infuriated thousands of them. Thousands have written to me.

Last week, I won a journalists' award and I have been celebrating. I love winning things. On the train home to Derby it was all I could do not to show my trophy to everyone in the carriage, none of whom knew me. Thank goodness my mother was not there or she would have. But she would also have reminded me that, when fortune smiles, a little humility does not come amiss.

> 'Not everyone in life is a Tigger: there are Poohs, too, and I have upset one'

So here goes. It is time to make some apologies. Some of these may be tongue-in-cheek, but some are sincere: one does not always stop to think how some throwaway remark, though it seemed smart at the time, may be taken personally.

Though it is only February I already seem to have upset hordes of readers this year. One column in particular was responsible for great annoyance: an intemperate attack on fat people which accused them all of gluttony and went on to question the medical excuses given for other physical problems such as ME, dyslexia and hyperactivity. I got so much into the swing of my polemic that I forgot there are people whose problems are genuine. I also forgot that many of my own friends are on the plump side . . .

"Dear Matthew, I am writing on behalf of all your less than slender friends (ex-friends?)" . . .

Margaret, from Exeter, goes on to tell me that I look and behave like a hyperactive elf and concludes by asking me to remember, "before you bounce off across the forest", that not everyone in life is a Tigger: there are Poohs, too, and I have upset one. Sorry Margaret. Are we still friends?

Dozens of ruder, or sadder, letters than hers were balanced by just a few in support . . .

"Yes! Yes! Yes! Unfortunately my husband has a tendency to fall into the wailing fatty category. I, of course, am 'lucky to have a fast metabolism'. Grrr. More power to your elbow." This lady wrote from Hampshire.

A lady writing from London E3 took a different view, so well expressed that I tender my apologies best by quoting it: "Some people can't face the world without help and get it through the food they eat. They get fat to insulate themselves from the world outside. And some people, some perfectly rational, intelligent, well adjusted people, think that this incredible obsession with weight that our society displays is so completely irrational and silly that they just say 'to hell with it' and eat food for enjoyment. There are also people who can write columns with interesting commentaries without stooping to ridicule and cruelty. I hope someone large, someone you care about, will some day sit (possibly on top of you) and explain what it means to be fat in our society. I hope you listen to them."

Ouch. More enigmatic was a plain postcard whose sender gave no name or address. "Oh *yes*. At last. What thinnies think, but are not brave (or foolhardy) enough to say. Beware the ensuing fatwa."

Before I go into hiding, I must say sorry to one more innocent victim. He is the Brazilian minister of justice. I am not going to name him, because to name in print a politician who was *not* arrested in a hotel bedroom with his wife, a prostitute, drugs, liquor and a 28cm-long vibrator, runs the risk of compounding the confusion it is intended to remedy.

But it really wasn't him. In a parliamentary sketch regretting the boring lives of most British ministers, I quoted what I thought to be a translation of a news headline I had seen in Iguaçu in Brazil. A kind Brazilian lady in Newcastle informs me that I misread. The man arrested was the minister's subordinate, the secretary of citizenship and justice, whose responsibility includes assessing the pornographic impact of films and plays. The minister himself, "a mild and low-profile gentleman, would be shocked out of his wits" if he thought *Times* readers suppose he was the culprit.

The other error is that the vibrator was 25cm, not 28.

So: to the GWR fireman, to the expert on punctuation, to the Brazilian minister of justice, and to fatties everywhere . . . Sorry.

If we want children to know right from wrong, we should first teach them to pray

Where is morality without love?

The childish work for their own benefit,
The buddhas work for the benefit of others.
Just look at the difference between them.

If I do not exchange my happiness for the suffering of others,
I shall not attain the state of buddhahood
and even in Samsara, I shall have no real joy.

William Rees-Mogg

There are two ways in which religion can influence morality: the way of love and the way of fear. Both are important, because fear can sometimes prevail where love has been baffled, but the way of love is the more important. There are also two ways in which religion operates in the world: the contemplative and the active. Again, both are important, because the active can reach those for whom contemplation has not yet begun; yet contemplation is the more important because it concerns the inward spirit, the conversion of the heart.

The ideal way in which religion influences the development of human personality, and therefore of human conduct, is by putting the human spirit in touch with the divine spirit, to which it naturally belongs. In the life of Jesus, Christians believe that a perfect identity between the two can be seen, but the same process, in a less perfect form, is also seen in the lives of the saints. There have been saints in all the Christian churches, acknowledged or unacknowledged.

In many of the saints their contemplative and active lives have been in harmony. Mother Teresa has said of her work with the dying in Calcutta that it is contemplative work, because she and her fellow workers see Christ in the people they are helping. Yet it is also obviously active. The inspiration is spiritual, but the internal conversion flows in loving actions towards other people. That is the psychology of grace in operation.

All the world's religions express this relationship between the inner development of the spirit and the outward life of action in their own way. In his excellent treatise, *The Tibetan Book of Living and Dying* (Rider Books, £16.99), Sogyal Rinpoche quotes the eighth century Buddhist master, Shantideva:

What need is there to say more?

Samsara is the experience of the world's activity. If the inner spirit is loving, the outer actions will be good; they will be full of kindness and help for other people, full of love. When the heart is right, we do not have to worry about the actions that will follow; when the heart is wrong, the actions will never be right.

There is a story from the early church about St John, the apostle to whom Jesus confided the care of his mother after the Crucifixion. He was the only apostle not to die by martyrdom: he probably lived on as the Bishop of Ephesus until the reign of Trajan at the beginning of the second century, some 70 years after the death of Christ. As a very old man he could no longer preach sermons: his followers would prop him up by a pillar and he would simply say: "Little children, you should love one another". That remains a summary of Christian moral doctrine.

From the Christian point of view, the problem of morality is not therefore one of creating and enforcing moral codes, which must always be a secondary and imperfect activity — otherwise lawyers would be saints — but of reaching the human heart with the spirit of love. But this is also the aim of the Jewish religion, of Islam, of Buddhism, particularly in the high form of Tibetan Buddhism, of Sikhism and of contemplative Hinduism. In this sense at least, all the religions have a common purpose, and may be compared to different telescopes which look up at the same night sky. No doubt the telescopes are different: some may be more powerful or better focused than others. If human beings are in touch with what Buddhists would call "the wisdom mind" and Christians the Holy Spirit — the two concepts are not doctrinally identical — they will be naturally impelled to good deeds. In that sense, morality would take care of itself. "Love your neighbour as yourself" contains the other commandments and follows from the love of God.

What we need therefore is not the preaching of morality, but prayer and the example of religion, for religion has always been spread by prayer and example better than by lectures. In the past week there has been much discussion about the supposed decadence of our society and the loss of a knowledge of right and wrong among children. Much of what has been said has been justified, but much of it has implied the lack of confidence in religion itself. If one reads the newspapers, much of what is being offered is not spiritual growth, with all the joy that implies, but worldly regulations; not the wine of faith, but the cold bottle of moralising.

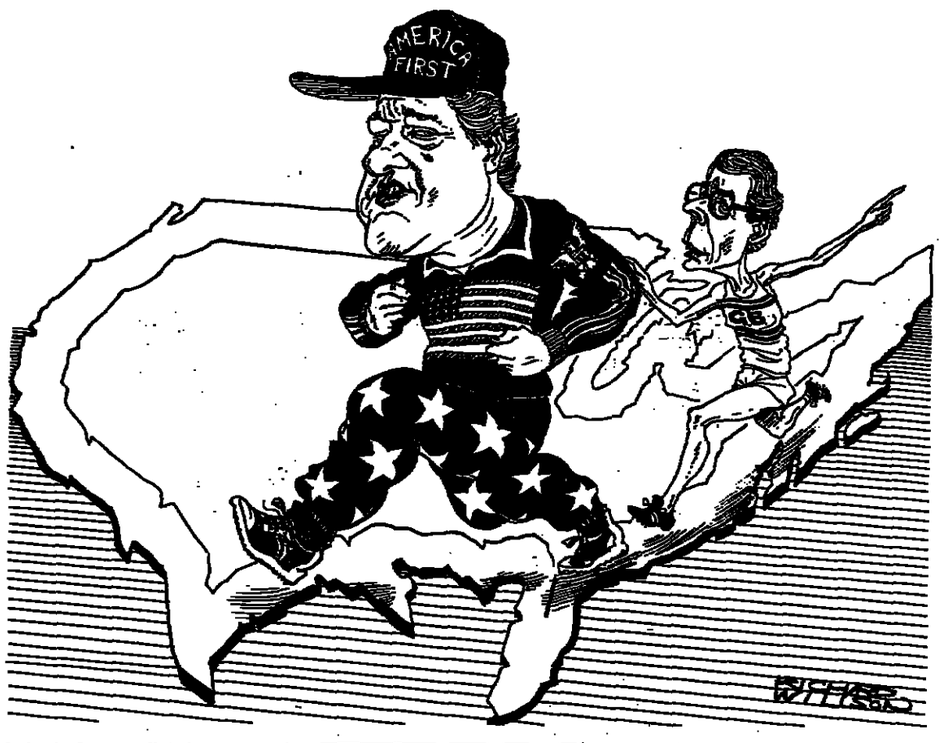
This will not get us very far. We have no way of imposing a merely external morality on people who have no inner faith to support it, and such a morality does not produce a good society because it lacks the motive power of love. Those from whose spiritual knowledge we can best learn, including Jesus in the Gospels, and in more modern times the artist William Blake, have been hostile to an imposed non-spiritual code of morality, in which the details of conformity are substituted for the spirit of love. Love grows naturally out of openness to a spiritual reality which is other than our own fretful personal egotism, a reality powerful enough to reinterpret us into new beings. This sort of spiritual conversion, which can be sudden — as it was with St Paul — or can take a lifetime, is the proper work of religion. Everything else flows as a consequence of it. Christian faith or Buddhist enlightenment lead to good deeds; unsanctified good deeds may not prove really to be good, however well intentioned, and do not lead necessarily to faith or enlightenment.

We need therefore to look closely at the affair of religion itself. Churches have no choice but to be active, codified and institutional, but that is not what they are for. Even the most spiritual of churches, such as the Quakers, find some element of organisation is unavoidable. Churches need structure if they are to survive over the generations; they need definitions, but should never forget that definitions are a very inadequate way of describing the mysterious. Their mission is to bring spirit to spirit, to help the individual join the infinite source of love and wisdom which lies outside. Their strongest agencies are worship, prayer, contemplation and good deeds. Where religion achieves that, everything becomes alive and is full of joy and a sense of new openings. Where religion does not achieve that, it achieves nothing. Indeed a dead religious culture may be even more hopeless that an avowedly agnostic one.

One mark of a dying religion is that it stops talking about the love of the spirit and ceases to bring the contemplative life to its members. Action as the natural consequence of faith is a proof of living religion. Action as a substitute for faith is a symptom of decay. So it is with moral codes. The motive for obeying moral commandments should be the love of God and of one's neighbour. Obeying the commandments without love, though preferable to breaking them, is another symptom of decline. If we want children to know right from wrong, the first thing to do is teach them to pray. True religion is about love and sacrifice, about wisdom and justice, about hope and happiness, about God. That is what will make the world a better place, that and nothing else.

What to tell the president

First of all, forget the special relationship, says Peter Riddell



John Major should make a vow of self-restraint as he flies off tomorrow evening on a 36-hour visit to Washington for his first meeting with President Bill Clinton. He should not talk about "the special relationship", however much provoked. The term is never used even by Anglophile Americans and symbolises so much that is muddled in public discussion of British-American ties.

Harold Macmillan used to like comparing Britain and America to ancient Athens and Rome. His implication was that we, the wily Greeks, can influence the cruder Romans. That remains an underlying theme of British policy, however patronisingly misplaced it now looks. A better description of the British media view is of a junior branch of a great family watching nervously for favour and friendship from the, at times, unpredictable head of the senior branch.

Hence the almost desperate search on the British side for reaffirmation of "the special relationship" whenever the two heads of government meet. It is like securing the approval of a parent or teacher. The British tabloids are already wondering about the personal chemistry, about the absence of Norma Major (entirely sensible given the hectic timetable), about whether Hillary Clinton may be snubbing the Majors, and about a continued souring of relations following the Tories' advice to the Republicans in the election campaign.

Most of this is nonsense, and is almost as daft as official attempts to argue that the two leaders have much in common since they are of the same generation. They do not hum the same tunes, and seem more different than their three years' gap in age would suggest.

The significance of personal links, indeed of party affiliations, is much exaggerated. The much trumpeted close relations between Churchill and Roosevelt, Macmillan and Kennedy, Thatcher and Reagan did matter at times of international friction. But there were often doubts behind the public expressions of warm friendship. Even shared ideology has seldom been crucial. Democrat Lyndon Johnson never had much time for Harold Wilson, while fellow conservatives Richard Nixon and Edward Heath never got on well.

National interests have always mattered most, even though the term "the special relationship" has fostered illusions about the British role. There *are* close ties between the two countries, of history, language and culture. Working relations between American and British diplomats are closer than between other countries, as Robin Renwick and Ray Seitz, the ambassadors in Washington and London respectively, have skilfully shown. The defence and intelligence communities of both countries operate alongside each other. And Britain has proved to be America's most reliable ally in numerous international conflicts.

The closeness within Nato and the unique intelligence links have never applied to economic and trading relations. In the initial post-war period, America was suspicious of British attempts to perpetuate imperial trade preferences. As Britain's economic standing declined relatively, Washington increasingly treated Britain as one among several medium-ranking European powers, one member of the European Community or the Group of Seven. Successive administrations have always favoured EC integration and cared little about arguments over means, as now over Maastricht.

What has changed is the balance between defence and security issues and economic and trade questions. With the latter, common European Community relations with America matter more than particular British ties. Following the end of the Cold war, a common Nato front against Soviet expansionism is no longer paramount. The American nuclear umbrella is not carried around in case of a possible shower, but has been stored away in a cupboard. Differences over security matters have emerged, most bitterly in Yugoslavia.

As important has been the greater focus in transatlantic relations on trade, where divisions are always likely to be greater — as they are now over Gatt, steel imports, government procurement and the European Airbus. The danger is that relations across the Atlantic will become as strained and mutually suspicious as those across the Pacific, which have been easily buffeted by trade rows.

The arrival of the Clinton administration has further highlighted these changes. Mr Clinton and his advisers are less tied to the Cold war era than the Bush team. Their willingness to go along with a version of the Vance-Owen plan for Bosnia has reassured the EC, but has raised the stakes over longer-term American involvement in Europe. If the Bosnia talks fail, Washington will be even less willing to back European initiatives in central and Eastern Europe. On trade, EC leaders have expressed apprehension about some early comments of the Clinton team, even where these coincided with policies initiated by the Bush administration.

For British politicians to talk of a uniquely national "special relationship" in these circumstances is beside the point and a delusion. Mr Clinton is anyway preoccupied with the domestic priority of implementing his State of the Union package — although Mr Major's visit gives him a chance to show he is not an amateur in international affairs and to listen to the views of an important European leader and a key ally in Bosnia and Iraq. The meeting matters more for Mr Major, particularly given his political troubles. British prime ministers always like to show they have access in Washington.

So Wednesday's talks in the White House are doomed to succeed and to produce smiling faces and warm words. At minimum they should help establish an ease of working relations so that each can pick up the phone to talk to the other. But Mr Major is realist enough to disregard all the hype and to know that what matters is whether he can focus Mr Clinton on the uncertainties of European security and global trading relations.

BUDGET ON MONDAY

Sked missile

AS Maastricht rebels try to flush out a candidate to stand in the Newbury by-election, the two main pro-referendum organisations have decided not to enter the fray. Neither the Anti-Maastricht Alliance nor the Campaign for an Independent Britain, which took part in a pro-referendum rally in London last month, are going to put up candidates.

But John Major should not take anything for granted. The Anti-Federalist League, which is part of the AMA, is expected to put forward a candidate. Most speculation centres on Dr Alan Sked, the league chairman, who is a founder of the Bruges Group. Sked stood against Chris Patten in Bath at the general election.

Sked would be guaranteed maximum publicity in a by-election, and may even attract the support of dissident Tory MPs. His presence could be a disaster for the Tories, who are facing their first parliamentary electoral test since the election. With a majority of 12,000, and the party at a low ebb in opinion polls, the last thing the prime minister can afford is a split vote.

Discreet discussions will also take place at Westminster this week, far from the long arm of the whips, among the Maastricht rebels. Former Tory MPs such as Tony Favell, who resigned as John Major's parliamentary private secretary over the exchange-rate mechanism, and Alan Clark, the Thatcherite former minister, may be sounded out.

Lord Stoddart of Swindon, a Labour peer who chairs the Anti-Maastricht Alliance, was emphatic that his group would not exploit the government's difficulties at the by-election. "We have a number of Labour and Tory MPs. They would not go along with it. It would break up the organisation, which I am not prepared to risk. A rebel candidate would not have my blessing."

● *Whodunnit? Members of Brooks's Club not only want to know who proposed and seconded the membership of Darius Guppy, awaiting sentence on a £1.8 million charge. They want to know who removed the membership book from the morning room, which would reveal all.*

DIARY

Glug glug

CLEO, a pygmy hippo, will not be crying over her milk any more at Edinburgh Zoo. She will be bathing in it. Cleo, unable to be suckled by her mother Frieda, is thought to be the first pygmy hippo to be hand reared. Her diet has been supplemented by 28 tins of evaporated milk each week. But the hippo, born in November, was not interested until the zoo discovered she liked to wallow in it. Amanda Alabaster of the zoo says: "It was only when we found out that she liked bathing in the stuff that she started to drink the milk. But it has become expensive."

Staff who made a weekly trip to the local Safeway supermarket asked if the store would be interested in helping. Safeway has now agreed to donate Cleo a three-month supply. As for Frieda, she still doesn't want to know.

Good at games

PETER MANDELSON has taken time off from the debate over the political allegiance of the *Daily Mirror* to help to save his constituency's debt-ridden football league club. Mandelson, who has lent his support to second-division Hartlepool's fundraising campaign, admits relations have not always been so good.

Writing in *The House Magazine* he concedes his appearances at the matches were regarded as little more than publicity-seeking exercises by the club chairman, Gary Mason. The suspicion was fuelled when he turned up for a match against Brentford with Neil Kinnock and the Brentford Labour candidate Ann Keen.

"I arranged for a photographer to appear at the directors' box to snap the happy Labour crew supporting their teams. Just as the Olympus was being aimed, an elderly Brentford director jumped to his feet brandishing a walking stick, and waved the photographer away demanding that Mr Kinnock's privacy be respected." Mandelson was not to be outdone and Keen's husband Alan, now Labour MP for Feltham and Heston, nipped home to get the family camera.

There had been differences of opinion since the election, with the chairman suggesting the MP's post-election attendances had tailed off. "He did not realise I choose to stand on the terraces rather than sit in the directors' box."

Neck and neck

ETON schoolboys could soon find it difficult to hold their heads up high. Their weekly supply of 3,000 starched collars may be in jeopardy. It is dependent on a 75-year-old machine, known as a starch dolly, at the Frederick Theak shirt factory at Taunton. But the machine, thought to be the last one in the world, may be approaching the end of its long life. And not only Eton will be affected if it conks out. The factory has a long list of clergymen and barristers as customers.

Tony Hough, the manager, says: "We have a small market but they are all regular customers. We are hoping for a replacement for the machine." The factory has decided to advertise in the international press for a replacement. Perhaps the shirtmakers of Hong Kong will be able to find them something suitable.

One last titter from the vaults

● Ooh I say. Frankie Howerd as you have never seen him before. UK Gold, the satellite television company which broadcasts vintage repeats, is planning to run a BBC series starring Howerd (right) that never made it on to the small screen. Called *Then Churchill Said To Me*, it was made in 1982 but has been collecting dust on a BBC shelf ever since. It is vintage stuff. Howerd, who died last year, plays Percy Potts, batman to a high-ranking officer who is operating in Churchill's wartime bunker under Whitehall.

Separate cradles

WITH only two months to go before publication of John McCarthy's and Jill Morrell's book *Some Other Rainbow*, the former hostage has still not read Brian Keenan's literary offering. McCarthy made the admission at a rare public outing last week to auction a copy of the Keenan tome, *An Evil Cradling*. He said: "I've been too busy writing my own. But I have heard it on the radio and I can tell you, it's not bad."

In fact he has been avoiding the Keenan book for professional reasons. Georgina Morley, his editor at Bantam Press, says: "If you are writing about an experience that you have shared with someone you do not want it to be filtered through their eyes. That might have happened if he had read Brian's book."

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CHILDREN AND CRIME

Even Labour now wants people to talk about right and wrong

The killing of a Bootle toddler, James Bulger, has reawakened the nation's conscience. Although this response is irrational, since the death of a child at the hands of a stranger is the most unusual occurrence and is symptomatic of no particular trend, if the result is that new questions are asked, the ensuing debate can only be useful.

Yesterday John Major signalled imminent legislative action and called for a "crusade against crime". When politicians rush into legislation because events have raised the public temperature, the results are generally ill-conceived. The Prevention of Terrorism Act was an instant reaction to the Birmingham pub bombings; the Dangerous Dogs Act a response to a spate of bitten children. Neither is a good precedent.

None the less, it is good to see people move from indifference to concern. The danger is that the debate will focus too starkly on stiffer sentences that will do nothing to reduce crime levels. The opportunity is that parents, teachers and social workers will start to reassess their own roles in instilling a sense of right and wrong in their charges.

To that end it was refreshing to hear Tony Blair, shadow home secretary, destroy several Labour totems at once on Friday. "If we do not learn and then teach the value of what is right and what is wrong," he said, "then the result is simply moral chaos which engulfs us all." This followed a speech stressing that people could choose whether to commit crimes; they were not impelled to do so by their social circumstances.

Now that Labour is moving to the right on crime, it would be good to hear ministers concede in return that unemployment and deprivation, while not by themselves causing crime, play a part in making criminal activity more tempting. To break the law requires both temptation and a lack of inhibition. Many poor or unemployed people do not resort to crime because they have a strongly developed sense of inhibition. But youngsters with hardly any money, nothing to do all day, and perhaps with no prospect of a job, are bound to be more tempted to steal than their richer and better-occupied contemporaries.

Tackling youth unemployment and improving the conditions in which these people live would help to reduce the temptation. But work can be done on the inhibition side too.

Informal moral structures used to abound in society: the family was pre-eminent, followed by schools and the Church. The agencies of the law were the last resort. Now too much pressure is being borne by the criminal justice system, and there is a limit to what it can achieve. A report today from the Prison Reform Trust finds that Britain already locks up more young people than virtually any other country in Europe. And government statistics show that while sending them to jail may take them off the streets for a while, they are much more likely to reoffend once released than if they had simply been cautioned.

There is no point bemoaning the loss of authority of the Church, since it is unlikely to be regained. But parents and schools could do far more to foster the individual inhibitions children need to resist becoming criminals. Here both James Bulger's death and Labour's changing philosophy may help. The Bootle tragedy has set many parents thinking about the duties they owe both to their children and to society. And Labour's conversion should undermine those teachers and public-sector professionals tempted to use deprivation as an excuse for crime. If so, some good will have come from the past week's events, possibly more than politicians can ever achieve.

DECLINE AND FALL IN ROME

Reform of Italian political institutions is overdue

The political landscape in Italy is beginning to resemble a natural disaster zone. "The terrain", said the daily *La Repubblica* after the latest corruption scandal, "is cluttered with debris and smoking rubble, as after an earthquake." For once, the Italian press was not exaggerating. That smoke still obscures the view and there are certainly more tremors to come; but now is the moment for political architects and engineers to concentrate on rebuilding the Italian state.

Giuliano Amato, the prime minister, promised on taking power last June to reform institutions and clean up politics. Such promises have been made, and broken, before. But this time the prime minister seemed to have caught the mood of the people. There is real popular disaffection with the political class which has both mismanaged the state economy and ostentatiously feathered its nest.

At the weekend, Signor Amato lost another two members of his cabinet — the Christian Democrat finance minister, Giovanni Goria, and the Liberal health minister, Francesco De Lorenzo — to corruption scandals. The lira slumped, the four party coalition looks increasingly fragile, but a new, rare, moral element is beginning to colour Italian political life. Politicians are realising that they have to show clean hands before they aspire to high office.

That is a useful but probably a passing sentiment. If Signor Amato is to be more than one of the swelling legion of Italian ex-premiers, he must exploit the popular mood for fundamental reform. The present political class has plainly exhausted its possibilities. The hegemony of the Christian Democrat party and its various small coalition partners has helped to maintain a stable Italy over four decades and encouraged — or at least did not obstruct — the economic modernisation of the country. But the coalition was based on a negative premise: that the communists, Italy's second largest political grouping, should be permanently excluded from power. The collapse of communist rule in Eastern Europe has removed that *raison d'être* and the politicians have been unable to come up with a more compelling and positive vision of a future Italy.

The priority must be to change the strict system of proportional representation which has paralysed the Italian political system, creating a sprawling, ineffective parliament and sapping executive power. The diffident Christian Democrat, Mario Segni, has gathered the necessary 1.5 million signatures to hold a referendum on election procedures to the Senate. This would be an important first step, introducing a first-past-the-post system for at least one house of parliament.

But reform has to go deeper, and faster. A new electoral system would ideally diminish the role of the various party headquarters, push out some fringe groupings and pave the way for a roughly bipolar system. At present, erring or ousted politicians rarely go into opposition. Instead they enter a kind of waiting room until the next ministerial job appears. Alternating parties are the key to ending corruption. Other reform measures could include strengthening the executive powers of the president and suspending the immunity of parliamentary deputies from criminal prosecution. There is a quiet political revolution under way in Italy; it should not be allowed to lose momentum.

TIME FOR PLURALISM

Muslims should be allowed their own state schools

John Patten, the education secretary, must soon decide whether to approve the first state-funded Muslim school. Although he must judge the application from Islamia primary school in Kilburn, north London, on its merits, Mr Patten is a shrewd enough politician to know that his decision will have cultural and political resonances far beyond the classroom.

The education secretary is rightly committed to reducing the number of surplus school places in each local authority, a scandalous waste of taxpayer's money which must remain at the top of the educational agenda. Islamia's original application to "opt into" the state system and out of the private sector was turned down in 1990 because Brent council already had too many classroom places. But that decision was described as "manifestly unfair" by the court which returned the case to Mr Patten's desk.

The debate on multi-faith education has inevitably been clouded by the plight of the author Salman Rushdie, still a hostage in his own land, and by the absurd threats of self-appointed spokesmen for the Islamic community to withhold taxes until Muslim schools are set up. The notion of special schools for Muslims still strikes many as a recipe for institutionalised bigotry and separatism. Yet there are already 20 private Muslim schools in Britain, run to the letter of the law and generally noted for their educational rigour.

The government, moreover, has made parental choice and diversity of provision the essence of its educational reform and plans to allow community groups that can raise 15 per cent of capital costs to set up their own schools. The Church of England already runs a quarter of the nation's schools, a proportion which is likely to grow. It is difficult to reconcile this philosophy with outright hostility to voluntary-aided Muslim schools.

The establishment of Muslim schools will not be a soft option. Inspectors will have to ensure that teachers adhere strictly to the national curriculum and that culturally sensitive subjects such as history and geography do not become unduly "Islamised", as some fundamentalists hope. Above all, the position of female pupils must be formally safeguarded in the articles of governance of each school. No pupils should be forced to wear the *chador* or formal headscarf, or taught that *purdah* is the natural lot of woman. Every religious school in Britain has an obligation to prepare its pupils for democratic citizenship as well as for a life of faith.

These principles will have to be enforced vigorously by Ofsted, the school inspectorate, and the new roving education associations. The education department must steel itself for disagreement and resist the temptation to keep out of schools that ignore their legal commitments. But properly monitored Muslim schools could be a tribute to British pluralism, a celebration of religious difference and the shared national values which transcend it. When the right application arrives, Mr Patten should make the leap of faith.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Maastricht's impact on UK business

From Sir Alan Walters

Sir, In their letter of February 18, the Lord Mayor of London and the most eminent persons in the City assert that if Britain "were to detach itself from developments in Europe" business which previously would have come to the City will be carried out in other centres. Put bluntly, if we do not sign up for Maastricht, then the City will be severely damaged.

They rightly say that the City's past achievements have been because of the "open and internationalist stance". Successive governments have wisely left the City with light regulation and little interference to get on with its business. This, together with its reputation for integrity, has made the City such a pre-eminent financial centre.

But if the assertion that staying out of the monetary and political union will severely damage the City is correct, it must be because a go-it-alone British government will indulge in invidious and crippling regulation of the City. Why should that be the case? On the contrary, we know that, notwithstanding the various directives of the EC and protestations of liberalisation, the continental members of the Community continue to be much more dirigiste than the United Kingdom.

Cartels abound and, as we have recently seen in France, the politicians can and do distort the markets for their own purposes. I suspect it is far more likely that the City will be much more hamstrung and harried by Brussels bureaucrats if the UK is in, rather than out of, the Union. If outside the EMU, the British government can continue its proven policy of light regulation and encouragement to the City.

Many people, apparently including the Lord Mayor and his co-signatories, believe that any great financial centre must be located within a large hinterland of exchange rate stability for it to prosper. This is quite without foundation. Counter-examples abound. Indeed the great growth of the City and the Euromarkets from the mid-1960s was accompanied by the great strains within Europe, sterling devaluation and the break-up of Bretton Woods.

London had no hinterland in Europe. Similarly, Hong Kong, among the most developed financial centres, simply had no monetary affinity with the continental area of the People's Democratic Republic at all. But what it *did* have was a virtually unregulated financial system. Other examples of such financial centres without a monetary hinterland include Beirut (to 1975), Genoa (in the 16th and 17th centuries), Amsterdam (in the 17th and 18th centuries) and indeed London in the 19th century.

Whether or not one subscribes to Maastricht, it is surely necessary for the City luminaries to take a much cooler and calculating look at what this will imply for the City.

Yours sincerely,
ALAN WALTERS,
Vice-Chairman,
AIG Trading Corporation,
1200 19th Street, NW, Suite 605,
Washington, DC, 20036.
February 19.

From Mrs Edwina Currie, MP for Derbyshire South (Conservative)

Sir, I am astonished by the contradiction between your hostile leader on Maastricht of February 17, "Beyond a joke", and the thoughtful erudition of Evan Davis's article, "Europe is the key to Britain's world role", which you carry in *Times 2* today.

You are not alone in your irritation at the slow passage of the European Communities (Amendment) Bill through Westminster; its many supporters are equally irritated, including those in the House of Commons, where they are in a large majority. However, it is inconsistent thereby to argue, after weeks of discussion and after the government has made clear that it is prepared to spend even longer seeking support from honourable members, that this implies a democratic deficit. From where I sit on the back benches, listening to yet another interminable speech from Peter Shore or Teddy Taylor, it feels more like a democratic excess.

Evan Davis points out soberly that Britain has been in recent years the European location of choice — an argument also powerfully rehearsed in the letter from the City, which you published on the same day. His comparison between the net output per employee of over £39,000 per annum achieved by foreign firms and the £27,000 achieved by their British counterparts suggests a grim scenario of decline, should the inward movement of investment come to a halt or be reversed.

Yours sincerely,
EDWINA CURRIE,
House of Commons.
February 18.

Tomlinson and the NHS hospitals

From the Chairman of the Joint Consultants Committee

Sir, Ministers should be congratulated on the way they have responded to the Tomlinson report. As a result of meaningful consultations they have produced a government response the broad thrust of which is supported by the medical profession at national level. This is in sharp contrast to the inept manner in which previous ministers imposed the NHS reforms, the full consequences of which have yet to become apparent to those whom the NHS serves.

Your leading article (February 17) echoes this support but is devalued by references to "hell hath no fury like a senior consultant scorned" and "she has seen off the hubris of Harley Street". Those who have been most vociferous in defending various institutions in London are by and large academics who do little or no private practice and are widely acknowledged to be among the best clinicians in their area of expertise.

It is essential that access to their skills continues to be available to NHS patients. This will be facilitated if they are given understanding and respect and encouraged to relocate their services elsewhere, either in London or in the provinces. They are unlikely to do this if they are subjected to snide comments that impugn their motives for fighting for the preservation of the institution in which they work and of which they are justifiably proud.

Yours faithfully,
PADDY ROSS
(Chairman,
Joint Consultants Committee),
25 Canon Street,
Winchester, Hampshire.
February 17.

From Dr Bob Bury

Sir, Your latest outburst against consultants describes us as the health service's "most privileged producer group".

The image of consultants as an arrogant élite in elegant suits, abusing junior staff and spending all their time in Harley Street, may have been applicable to a minority of senior medical staff 20 years ago. Today's consultants are very different. Yes, we are paid a good wage for what is still an interesting and rewarding, if frustrating, job. To that extent we are privileged, but I see no reason to apologise for that or feel guilty about it. All the consultants I know put their patients' interests first and work longer hours than they are contracted for. We do that because it gives us job satisfaction.

We do not expect medals, but it does get a bit irritating to be so persistently misrepresented.

Yours faithfully,
BOB BURY
(Consultant Radiologist),
3 Elmete Avenue, Oakwood, Leeds.
February 17.

From Mrs Joan Mushin

Sir, A clear differentiation must be made between the closure of beds in the NHS and the loss of medical and nursing personnel.

With modern techniques, day surgery and non-invasive medical investigations, the patient's stay in hospital is shorter. Fewer beds are required, but that does not mean fewer staff.

Some hospital buildings will need to close, but in others the extra space released should be converted into more operating theatres, day surgery centres and units for medical investigation.

Yours faithfully,
JOAN MUSHIN,
935 Finchley Road, NW11.
February 17.

From Mr James P. S. Thomson

Sir, I should make clear, after the Secretary of State's response to Tomlinson (report, February 17), that St Mark's Hospital, the specialist hospital for intestinal disorders, expects in its move alongside Northwick Park Hospital to offer a more comprehensive service to Londoners and to those in the northern Home Counties.

It will, of course, continue in its national role as a major unit for referral of complex problems, and as a leading centre for NHS training and research.

Yours faithfully,
JAMES P. S. THOMSON
(Clinical Director),
St Mark's Hospital, City Road, EC1.
February 17.

From Mr L. Dennis Perrett

Sir, At long last we have a health secretary who looks like doing what should have been done decades ago.

Yours faithfully,
L. DENNIS PERRETT,
Stapleford Mill,
Soulbury, Buckinghamshire.
February 17.

Palestine deportees

From the Director of Christian Aid and others

Sir, UN Security Council resolution 799 (December 18, 1992) called on Israel to ensure the "safe and immediate return" of some 400 Palestinians deported to Lebanon. The Israeli government has offered recently to return 100 of them.

Although this is seen by the Security Council as a step in the right direction, the deportees themselves have rejected this compromise, which would still have left 300 of them in limbo. Instead, the deportees have elected to remain together in south Lebanon, despite the harsh conditions they are enduring.

Of those deported, 16 are UNRWA (United Nations Relief Works Agency) staff members and nearly half are refugees registered with UNRWA. With the loss of the main breadwinner, many families, particularly children, have suffered increased hardship and a sense of bereavement.

This has contributed to protests against the deportations in the occupied territories, where, in the Gaza Strip alone, according to UNRWA, at least nine children under 16 have been killed and another 257 injured by rifle fire since the deportations took place.

Foreign Office minister Douglas Hogg recently expressed HMG's opinion to the UN Commission on Human Rights that the deportations were "illegal and inhumane". He was also strongly critical of Israel's administrative practices in the occupied territories, saying: "There are far too many reports of IDF [Israeli Defence Force] beatings and wanton destruction of property ... The killing of children is simply appalling."

The UN secretary-general observed, in his report to the UN Security Council of January 25, that "the deportations are only the most recent in a series of violations by Israel of the Fourth Geneva Convention". The visit of President Herzog next week is a prime opportunity for HMG to reiterate its concern for the civilian population of the West Bank and Gaza Strip and to discharge its obligation to ensure that Israel respects the humanitarian provisions of the Fourth Geneva Convention and moves quickly to comply fully with resolution 799.

Yours faithfully,
MICHAEL H. TAYLOR,
Director, Christian Aid,
ANDREW CLARK
(Quaker Peace & Service),
SAM CLARKE
(World University Service),
MALCOLM HARPER
(United Nations Association),
NICHOLAS HINTON
(Save the Children Fund),
DAVID JONES (Oxfam),
35 Lower Marsh, SE1.
February 19.

Coded messages

From Sir Anthony Alment

Sir, Ever since the introduction of unique area and district post codes in the UK, I am sure many of us have become exasperated at the reluctance of large mail-makers to use them to simplify our correspondence with them. Most large institutions — energy and telephone services, local authorities, banks and hospitals, for example — give long postal addresses on their letterheads, which add to the burden of paying their bills, etc, the storage of such unnecessary detail in our own records.

Obviously there are two kinds of address: that for the visitor and the code for the correspondent. Why cannot they be clearly distinguished for the benefit of each? Most institutions have a dedicated postal code, which is all the system needs.

There is, of course, the added practice of complicating the address in order to aid the organisation's own internal distribution. Surely that is their affair, not ours. I trust this letter reaches you, Sir, at London E1 9XN.

Yours sincerely,
ANTHONY ALMENT,
Winston House, NN2 8RR.

Motor 'clockers'

From Mr R. Gale

Sir, On February 5, on your Motoring page, you reported CAP Nationwide Motor Research as stating that "it is the responsibility of the [vehicle] buyer to substantiate the mileage" of a used car.

This may be so as far as the motor trade is concerned, but the legislation as it affects the end-buyer imposes on *the seller* the obligation to ensure that the reading of the odometer is accurate or, if he is unable to guarantee the indicated mileage, to attach to the odometer a disclaimer notice that is "bold, precise and compelling".

Yours faithfully,
R. GALE,
County Trading Standards Officer,
Cumbria County Council,
County Offices, Kendal, Cumbria.
February 13.

The first cut

From Mr Arthur P. Duggan

Sir, I may be old-fashioned but I have always understood that the time of a border fork through one's foot is a much more reliable harbinger of spring (letters, February 13, 17) than either a corneal abrasion or a hover-mowered toe.

Yours faithfully,
ARTHUR P. DUGGAN,
Knights Barn Farm, Salisbury Road,
Donhead St Mary, Dorset.

Fat, wide and a rip-off?

From Miss Mary Sheehan

Sir, I suspect that people who regularly buy paperbacks are, by and large, those who don't like to be without a book to read on the train or a bus, and who carry one in a handbag or pocket. So why do publishers print paperbacks in larger and larger formats, with large type and wide margins? It couldn't be — could it — to screw even more money out of the book-reading public?

Yours faithfully,
MARY SHEEHAN,
49c Sterndale Road, W14.
February 19.

On the blacklist?

From Viscount Norwich

Sir, My insurance agents today informed me that of the 11 companies that they have approached to insure my car seven have turned me down flat and the other four have piled well over 50 per cent on to their normal premium.

Having had a clean licence for some 30 years I asked them why this should be, and was told that on the proposal form I had given my profession as "author and broadcaster". Had I put "author" *tout court* all would have been well; "broadcaster", however, meant that I was part of the entertainment industry and consequently not to be trusted.

For the current year alone this single word has cost me an additional £303. Are members of other equally innocent professions similarly victimised? If so, will the insurance companies produce a list of those professions, together with the reasons for their discrimination?

Yours faithfully,
JOHN JULIUS NORWICH,
24 Blomfield Road, W9.
February 17.

Preserving the past

From Mr Stewart Plant

Sir, It has become a recent custom in this region to install into churchyard walls, most of which are medieval, modern memorial plaques for cremated remains. Our beautiful village church, dedicated to St Quiricus and St Julietta, has grade I listed status. The adjoining properties are grade II*, and I recently became aware of the damaging impact these memorial plaques create in what had once been a beautiful medieval wall separating the properties concerned.

I have submitted a private faculty petition to the chancellor of the diocese. The immediate result is that the further installation of memorial plaques will cease in our parish.

I hope that this example will help to discourage similar defacement in other districts.

Yours faithfully,
STEWART PLANT,
The Court, Tickenham, Avon.

Crossword tonic

From Mr J. Roy Wadsworth

Sir, Mr Wagstaff has bucked me up no end (letters, February 15, 18, 19). What a tonic — just what the doctor ordered! Over the years my GP has assessed my health principally on how well I am progressing with *The Times* crossword. Constant success — rude good health; persistent failure — serious concern; completed more than him — close to death's door.

Recently, for reasons unconnected with my own health, I have been seeing somewhat more of him than usual and he has noticed a marked decline in my crossword-solving abilities. Based upon this heretofore reliable indicator, concern was expressed for my physical welfare. Can I now tell him that I am in first-class condition and that it is your compilers who need medical guidance? May I ignore his advice on the ground that his diagnosis was based upon phantom symptoms?

Yours, restored to good health,
J. ROY WADSWORTH,
14 Tewkesbury Close,
Cheadle Hulme, Cheshire.

From Mr W. F. Elgin

Sir, Being retired, I do not have quite Mr Wagstaff's problem as regards the crossword's interference with business, etc. However, my feeling of inadequacy at not being able to solve some of the more recondite words in the puzzle is intensified by arriving at the solution (occasionally) before I understand the explanation; and even more at not being able to understand the answers next day when I see them. I wonder how anyone manages who was educated post-1960 or cannot refer to a dictionary of quotations, a conventional dictionary, one of slang and one of classical mythology.

Yours sincerely,
W. F. ELGIN,
Benelg, Edderston Road,
Peebles, Borders.

From Mr J. L. Thorne

Sir, Please do not make the puzzle easier and less witty. Just confirm, for the sake of my Saturday amour-propre, that the *Listener* Crossword is climbing an even steeper curve of difficulty.

Yours truly,
J. L. THORNE,
Birchwood, 16a Box Lane,
Hemel Hempstead, Hertfordshire.

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BUCKINGHAM PALACE
February 20: The Princess Royal, Patron, Scottish Rugby Union, accompanied by Commander Timothy Laurence, RN, this after noon attended the Scotland versus Wales International Rugby Match at Murrayfield and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for the City of Edinburgh (Councillor Norman Irons, the Rt Hon the Lord Provost).

Appointments in the Forces

Royal Navy
Admiral Sir Julian Oswald to be Admiral of the Fleet on March 2, 1993.
CAPTAIN: R A Hirst - MOD Bath 18.3.93
SURGEON CAPTAIN: G H G McMillan - RNH Haslar 7.9.93
COMMANDER: M G Bates - Staff of CINCNAVHOME HQ 2.7.93; N L P Bernier - Collingwood 11.6.93; M W Butcher - Fearless 9.7.93; N J K Crews - Devonport 4.5.93; J N Ferguson - Staff of FOSM Faslane 10.9.93; C J Hyldon - Staff of CINCFLEET 25.6.93; R J Ibbotson - MOD London 30.7.93; W R S Jenkins - MOD London 9.7.93; F Morris - RNEWOS WYTON in Cmd 8.7.93; D W Pond - MOD London 23.7.93; E A Rowe - NATO Italy 9.9.93; J G Tottenham - Staff of FOSM Northwood 4.6.93.
Retirements
COMMANDER: P A C Clarke - 2.4.93; A C Quade - 1.4.93.

The Army
BRIGADIER: T R Wright - To MOD 22.2.93.
COLONELS: J B Bennett - to HQ RSME, 22.2.93; E D Powell-Jones to be DA DHAKA, 22.2.93.
LIEUTENANT-COLONELS: R G Cartwright GREN GDS - to Misc Appts (Home), 22.2.93; V C M Frazer RAOC - to Shape Staff (BAE), 22.2.93; M J W Grubb LI - to be CO 2 LI, 26.2.93; J F B Sharples Scots DG - to CATC, 22.2.93; M D Webb AAC - to HQ AAC, 22.2.93; A Briard Derr - to MOD 23.2.93; M H Lewington RAOC - to UNHCR, 24.2.93; S J Tetlow REME - to RMCS, 22.2.93; M A P S Amberton RAMC to HQ UK SC (Pwd); G S Dhari RAMC to QEMH; R K J Forber RAMC to 4 ARMD DIV HQ & Sig Regt; D Ghosh RAMC to RAM COLL; T F Pope RAMC to HQ UKLF; P Rogers RADC to 6 DENT GP; U Bhaskaran RAMC to DKMH Catterick; D N Faithfull-Davies RAMC to Camb Mil Hosp; A B Gillham to Camb Mil Hosp.
Retirements
BRIGADIERS: C J D Bullock Late 6 GR, 23.2.93; R W S Hall Late RA, 1.3.93; D J K Rush Late REME, 28.2.93.
COLONELS: J J Bannister Late ACC, 1.3.93; P C E Fishbourne Late Scots DG, 28.2.93.

RAF
Air Vice-Marshal C G Terry is appointed Director General of Support Management (RAF) in succession to Air Vice-Marshal C P Baker CB on February 26, 1993.
GROUP CAPTAIN: B C Laite - to HQ 18 Gp 22.2.93; T G Sidebottom - to MOD 22.2.93; D M Wesley - to Harrogate 22.2.93.
WING COMMANDER: S W Austin-Vautier - to MOD AFD 22.2.93; J B Hastings - to D Spt (Pol)(RAF) 22.2.93; R I Hogg - to MOD (PE) CA 22.2.93; W J Rush - to IS of TT Halton 22.2.93; R A Bealer - to MOD DGMSI 15.2.93; M G Richardson - to HQSTC 15.2.93; R Lunn - to HQ 38 Gp 15.2.93; J H Dickenson - to 617 Sqn Marham 15.2.93; I T Denholm - to HQSTC 15.2.93.

Anniversaries today

BIRTHS: George Washington, 1st US President 1789-97, Westmoreland County, Virginia, 1732; Arthur Schopenhauer, philosopher, Gdansk, 1788; James Lowell, poet and diplomat, Cambridge, Massachusetts, 1819; Robert Baden-Powell, founder of the Boy Scout movement, London, 1857, (his wife Olave was born on this day, Wingesworth, Derbyshire, 1889); Heinrich Hertz, physicist, Hamburg, 1857; Eric Gill, artist, sculptor and typographer, Brighton, 1882; Edna St Vincent Millay, poet, Rockland, Maine, 1892; Luis Buñuel, Spanish film director, Calanda, 1900.

DEATHS: David Bruce, David II, King of Scotland, reigned 1329-71, Edinburgh, 1371; Amerigo Vespucci, merchant and adventurer, Seville, 1512; Jean Pierre de Crousaz, philosopher, Lausanne, 1750; James Barry, painter, London, 1806; Adam Ferguson, philosopher, St Andrews, 1816; Sydney Smith, clergyman and wit, London, 1845; Sir Charles Lyell, geologist, London, 1875; Jean-Baptiste Corot, painter, Paris, 1875; Hugo Wolf, lieder composer, Vienna, 1903; Stefan Zweig, novelist, Petropolis, Brazil, 1942; Elizabeth Bowen, novelist, London, 1973; Oskar Kokoschka, painter, Switzerland, 1980; Andy Warhol, painter, New York, 1987.

Frank Winfield Woolworth opened his first "five and ten cent" store in Utica, New York, 1879.

Birthdays

The Duchess of Kent celebrates her birthday today.

Mr H.A. Ashmall, rector, Morrison's Academy, Perthshire, 54; Sir Roderick Barclay, diplomat, 84; the Hon James Bethell, racehorse trainer, 41; Mr J.N. Ellis, trades unionist, 54; Mr Joseph Ettedgui, fashion designer, 57; Professor Sir Brian Follett, zoologist, 54; Mr Bruce Forsyth, entertainer, 65; Miss Deborah Grant, actress, 46; Miss Sheila Hancock, actress, 60; Miss Jocelyn Herbert, stage designer, 76; Mr Howard Hodgson, former chief executive, PFG Hodgson Kenyon International, 43; Mr Peter Jacobs, chief executive, Bupa, 50; Mr Edward Kennedy, American politician, 61; Sir John Kerr, UK Permanent Representative to the European Communities, Brussels, 51; Miss Patricia Lancaster, former headmistress, Wycombe Abbey School, 64; Mr Niki Lauda, racing driver, 44; Miss Frances Line, controller, BBC Radio 2, 53; Sir John Mills, actor, producer and director, 85; Mr Tom Okker, tennis player, 49; Mr Nigel Planer, actor, 40; Lieutenant-General the Hon Sir William Rous, 54; Sir William Slack, former Serjeant Surgeon to The Queen, 68; Mr Ian Stark, showjumper, 39; Dame Joan Varley, former Conservative party agent, 73; Miss Julie Walters, actress, 43; Mr S.C. Whitbread, former chairman, Whitbread and Company, 56.

MARC ASPLAND

Double act: Rachel Kempson (Lady Redgrave) with her son Corin who will be performing together on Wednesday in London in what may well be the actress's final theatrical appearance. *Sons and Mothers* at the Concert Artistes' Association will feature two specially created anthologies

Earliest horse sculpture found

BY NORMAN HAMMOND, ARCHAEOLOGY CORRESPONDENT

THE oldest known sculpture of a domesticated horse has been discovered during excavation of an ancient city in Syria. Dating to 4,300 years ago, the clay figure has several clear characteristics of domestication.

The find was made last autumn by Dr Thomas Holland of the Oriental Institute at Chicago, who has been directing excavations at Tell es-Sweyhat, a site some 200 miles northeast of Damascus. Several model chariots were found there last year also, although these are normally shown in art of this period being pulled by onagers, tamed wild asses, as on the famous Royal Standard of Ur in the British Museum.

The figure of a horse is 5in long, hand-modelled and with the mane added as strips of clay lying flat down the neck. According to Dr Juris Zarins, who wrote a doctoral thesis on the horse family in the ancient Near East, this characteristic is found only in domestic horses.

A hole bored through the muzzle may be to hold a bit or reins, Dr Zarins said. Such an accoutrement could have been added in metal, although there is no sign of it now. The figure is explicitly of a stallion and Dr Holland suggests that it may have been used in ceremonies to promote the fertility of the animals.

Domestic horses are much older than this, however: evidence for the use of bits is known from Dereivka in the Ukraine nearly two millennia earlier. Wild horses were portrayed even earlier, on the cave paintings of Lascaux more than 15,000 years ago. The find at Tell es-Sweyhat does, however, push back the explicit depiction of a horse not just hinted or ridden, but bred by man, by several centuries.

Nature notes

MOORHENS are starting to make platforms of reeds and sedge at the pond edges: they will use these for courtship displays, and later choose one for their nest. They can also be seen climbing into waterside bushes looking for nesting places. House sparrows are flying about with feathers or straw in their beaks as they begin to build. Greenfinches are singing again: the song consists of their usual hard twitter with a string of more liquid notes following it. They are also making their spring call, a long wheezing sound. Woodpigeons are feeding on buds among the cherry blossom: they often perch on thin twigs which give way under their weight, and leave them flapping wildly to recover their footing.

On many sallow bushes the male catkins have now turned from silver to gold, while the leaf-buds are swelling. On alder trees, the catkins are purple and yellow: like the hazel catkins, they are now dangling loosely. Clumps of yellow colt's-foot are in flower on roadside verges, and the first pink flowers are appearing on very small plants of red dead-nettle. Mallow leaves are growing sturdy and green shoots are showing on crab-apple trees.

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THE WOODPIGEON

Appointment of Recorders

The following to be Recorders:

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Henry Barnes, Jane Bonvin, Keith Cutler, Christopher Gardner, Jeremy Gibbons, Edward Holman, QC, Patrick Hooton, Hugh Lett, Neville Lowe, Christopher Moger, QC, Jean Ritchie, QC, Andrew Rutherford, Robert Webb, QC.

Marriages

Mr C.H. Donald and Miss E.S.P. Norman
The marriage took place on Saturday at St George's, Hanover Square, of Mr Charles Donald, eldest son of Mr and the Hon Mrs Robin Donald, to Miss Emma Norman, younger daughter of the late Mr Brian Norman and of Mrs Norman. The Rev W.M. Atkins officiated.

The bride was given in marriage by her brother and Mr Ian Waller was best man.

A reception was held at 30 Pavilion Road and the honeymoon will be spent in the Far East.

Major A.E.H. Worsley and Miss J.N. Stainton
The marriage took place on Saturday at St Mary's, Chilham, Canterbury, Kent, of Major Henry Worsley, son of General Sir Richard Worsley and of Lady (Sarah) Worsley, to Miss Joanna Stainton, daughter of Mr and Mrs Andrew Stainton. The Rev Nicolas Stacey officiated.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by Lord Carnegie, Edward Carter, George Frewer, James Gurung, Nicholas Gurung, Thomas Woodward and Lady Alexandra Carnegie. Major Nicholas Carter was best man.

A reception was held at the home of the bride.

Mr P.T. Beckett and Miss S.A.M. Callander
The marriage took place on Saturday, February 20, 1993, in the Chapel of the Royal Hospital, Chelsea between Mr Peter Beckett, eldest son of the late Mr Thomas Beckett and of Mrs John Armitage, and Miss Sarah Callander, eldest daughter of Major Ronald Callander and Penelope Countess of Lindsay, of Combermere Abbey, Whitchurch, Shropshire. The Rev Thomas Hiney, Chaplain of the Royal Hospital, and the Rev Gary Davies officiated.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her godfather, Viscount Rothermere, was attended by James Morrison, James Hazeel, Thomas Hardy, Chloe Polemis, Marie Labadie and Alexandra Cronan. Mr Edward Beckett was best man.

A reception was held at St John's Gate, EC1.

Mr A.H. Bergen and Miss C.C.M. Hale
The marriage took place on Friday, February 19, 1993, in New York, of Mr Andrew Bergen, son of Mr and Mrs Philip Bergen, of McMinnville, Oregon, USA, and Miss Charlotte Hale, daughter of Professor Sir John Hale, of Twickenham, Middlesex, and Mrs Rosalind Dale-Harris, of Denton, Oxfordshire.

Luncheon

Sternberg Centre for Judaism
Sir Sigmund and Lady Sternberg welcomed the guests at a luncheon held yesterday at the Sternberg Centre for Judaism, Finchley, to mark the visit of the Ukrainian Ambassador and Mme Komisarenko to a photographic exhibition at the centre. The German Ambassador and Baroness von Richthofen, the Slovak Ambassador and the Czech Chargé d'Affaires were among others present.

Mr Tony Allen

A Thanksgiving Service for the life of Tony Allen, who died on January 30, 1993, will be held at St Michael's, Cornhill, London, EC3, on Friday, March 19, 1993, at noon.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr R.K.L. Bucknall and Miss A.L. Blackford
The engagement is announced between Richard Kenneth Lowndes, younger son of Mr T.L. Bucknall and the late Mrs J. Bucknall, of Knayton, North Yorkshire, and Alison Lucy, elder daughter of Lieutenant Colonel and Mrs T.G. Blackford, of Monxton, Hampshire.

Mr M.R. Chinnery and Miss L.J. St Clair-Burke
The engagement is announced between Martin, son of Mr and Mrs Raymond Chinnery, of St Savior, Jersey, and Lesley, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Brian St Clair-Burke, of Wimbledon and Roehampton.

Mr M.D. Davison and Miss S. Joel
The engagement is announced between Martin, eldest son of Mr and Mrs Frederick Davison, of Lightwater, Surrey, and Sally, only daughter of Mr and Mrs John Joel, of Ascot, Berkshire.

Mr C.A. Depel and Dr A.M. Williams
The engagement is announced between Cary, elder son of Mr and Mrs William Depel, of Crown Point, Indiana, USA, and Adela, daughter of Mr and Mrs Roy Williams, of Ightham, Kent.

Mr J.D.S. Hardie and Miss A.C. Rowan-Thomson
The engagement is announced between Jonathan, youngest son of Mr and Mrs Michael Hardie, and Alexandra, second daughter of Commander and Mrs Graeme Rowan-Thomson, both of Corton Denham, Sherborne, Dorset.

Mr W.P. Herschel-Shorland and Miss S.J. Stannard
The engagement is announced between William, only son of Mr and Mrs John Herschel-Shorland, of Pulham St Mary, Norfolk, and Sara, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs Trevor Stannard, of Felixstowe, Suffolk.

Mr A.M. Hubbard and Mrs A. Rugg
The engagement is announced between Alastair Hubbard, widower of Ann, of Sevenoaks, Kent, and Angela Rugg, widow of Keith, of Beaconsfield, Buckinghamshire.

Mr J.R. Lucas and Mrs P.R. McLean
The engagement is announced between Jeremy Robert, son of the late Lieutenant Colonel and Mrs R.H.A. Lucas, of Colchester, Essex, and Mrs Pauline Ruth McLean, of Colchester, daughter of the late Mr D.E. Thomas and of Mrs P. Thomas, of Billericay, Essex.

Mr C.J. McNaught and Miss S.K.G. Parker
The engagement is announced between Cameron, son of Mr and Mrs Ernest McNaught, of Stonehouse, Lanarkshire, and Sarah, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Christopher Parker, of Churt, Surrey.

Mr S.H. Marjoram and Miss S.C.M. Jones
The engagement is announced between Simon, son of Mr and Mrs Michael Marjoram, of Barnes, London, and Sallie, daughter of Mr Wynford Jones, of Lewes, Sussex, and Mrs Lynne Jones, of Worcester Park, Surrey.

Dr D.M. Matthews and Miss F.C. Peters
The engagement is announced between Donald Michael, younger son of Mr and Mrs Michael Matthews, of Romanno Bridge, Peeblesshire, and Frances Caroline, eldest daughter of Dr and Mrs David Peters, of Cold Brayfield, Buckinghamshire.

Mr R.B. Porter and Miss A.L. Coventry
The engagement is announced between Robert, eldest son of Mr R. Bruce Porter, of Pine Meadow, Connecticut, USA, and Mrs Ina M. Plant, of Bonita Springs, Florida, USA, and Ann, only daughter of Mr R.C. Coventry and the late Mrs M.O. Coventry, of Lagos, Nigeria.

Mr R.D.J. Scott-Masson and Miss N.J. Houston
The engagement is announced between Damian, youngest son of Captain D.J. Scott-Masson, CBE, and Mrs Scott-Masson, of Plymouth, Devon, and Nicola, younger daughter of Mrs S.E. Houston, of Uppingham, Rutland, and Mr W. Houston, of London.

Mr W.A. Soames and the Hon Camilla Crossley
The engagement is announced between Sandy, eldest son of Mr and Mrs Robin Soames, of Toppesfield, Essex, and Camilla, second daughter of Lord and Lady Somerleyton, of Somerleyton, Suffolk.

The Revd A.G. Studdert-Kennedy and Miss A.M. Peppiatt
The engagement is announced between Andrew, twin son of Canon Christopher and Mrs Gillian Studdert-Kennedy, of Washington, West Sussex, and Anne, elder daughter of Mr Hugh and Mrs Claire Peppiatt, of Wimbledon, SW19.

Mr P.H.B. Sykes and Miss A.M. O'Hora
The engagement is announced between Peter, son of Major H.W.B. Sykes and the late Mrs Sykes, of Abbotts Ann, Hampshire, and Aisling, daughter of Mr and Mrs M.D. O'Hora, of Chorlton-cum-Hardy, Manchester.

Mr T. Williams and Miss G.C. Merrett
The engagement is announced between Georgina, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Alan Merrett, of Kintbury, Berkshire, and Trevor, younger son of Mr and Mrs John Williams, of Lee, London.

Latest wills

Mr Ernest **Smirk**, of Ashton on Mersey, Greater Manchester, left estate valued at £181,882 net. He left his entire estate to the RNLI.

Mr Jack **Waters**, of Welwyn, Hertfordshire, formerly of Datchworth, late of W. Waters & Sons, left estate valued at £5,280,171 net.

Mr Alan Gradon **Thomas**, of London SW10, the antiquarian bookseller, left estate valued at £2,053,672 net.

Mr Alec Ernest Arthur **Herbert**, of Farmoor, Oxford, left estate valued at £541,847 net.
He left £4,600, his home and other bequests to personal legatees, and the residue to the Olive Herbert Charitable Trust.

Other estates include (net before tax):

Mrs Elisabeth **Altree**, of London NW8 .... £2,003,415
Mr Jack Barnett **Bickley**, of Weybridge, Surrey £1,243,927
Mrs Mabel **Cotterill**, of Sheffield, South Yorkshire £1,118,670
Miss Peggy May **Golden**, of Tunbridge Wells, Kent £515,881
Mrs Catherine Anne **Harman**, of Ampney Crucis, Gloucs £748,732
Mr Alexander Herbert Peter **Hope**, of Woodbridge, Suffolk £538,171
Mr Austin Adolphus **MacAulay**, of Ossett, West Yorkshire .. £757,750
Mrs Barbara Helen **Porter**, of London SW19 .... £586,968
Mrs Doris Muriel **Salmon**, of Wootton, Isle of Wight .. £760,709
Mrs Gladys Hilda **Shaw Porter**, of Andover, Hampshire . £1,956,794
Mr Thomas Sigmund **Berry**, of Sheffield, South Yorkshire £596,596
Mr Alfred William **Dyne**, of Ringwood, Hampshire . £948,384
Mr Thomas William **Hollister**, of Englefield Green, Surrey £824,575
Mr John Wilkson **Rains**, of Bakewell, Derbyshire . £1,399,767
Mr Hugh Polkinhorn **Rice**, of Sidmouth, Devon £577,207
Mr Francis Harold **Rockliffe**, of South Runcton, Norfolk £504,665
Mrs Kathleen Winifred **Small**, of Hatfield, Hertfordshire . £521,750
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St. John 1:29

BIRTHS

BARR - On February 18th in Washington DC, to Kate and David, a daughter, Chloe Olivia.
FERGUSON - On 8th February 1993 to Alison (née Butcher) and Stuart, a daughter Hannah May, a sister for Robert Lamont and Joseph Lamont.
GOODALL - On February 18th, to Louise and Charles, a son and brother for Sophie and James.
KAYE - On February 18th in Brussels, to Emma (née Ferens) and Gerald, a daughter, Arabella, a sister for Harry.
VATTER - On February 15th, to Karen and Philip, a son, Frederick Philip, a brother for James.
WAUGH - On February 17th, to Adam and Lucilla, a son.

DEATHS

ADAMS - On Sunday 14th February 1993, peacefully at Sevenoaks, Phyllis May, aged 95, late of Gads Hill, Mayfield. Cremation 3 pm at Tunbridge Wells Crematorium on Thursday 25th February.
ARNOTT - On February 17th 1993, suddenly but peacefully following a short illness, Miles, aged 38, dearly loved husband of Sally (née Bowden), devoted father of Katherine and George and a wonderful son and son-in-law. Funeral Service at St Peter's Church, Bishops Waltham, Hampshire, on Wednesday February 24th at 3 pm. Family flowers only please, but donations warmly appreciated towards funding Hamble Inshore Rescue Service, c/o Harbour Master, River Hamble, SO3 9FR.
AYOUB - On February 18th 1993, suddenly after a long illness, Liliane, dear wife of Dr. Ibrahim S. Ayoub O.B.E. Loving mother of Maie, Fadia and Selim. Requiem Mass at Holy Cross Roman Catholic Church, Ashington Road, London SW6, on Wednesday February 24th at 2.15 pm followed by private cremation. Please no flowers, donations to the St John's Opthalmic Hospital of Jerusalem, London. Any enquiries tel: Leverton & Sons Ltd. Funeral Directors (071) 387-6075.
BARKER - On 19th February 1993, at The Garden House Nursing Home, Thrapston, Edwin, aged 88 years (formerly of Cannon Park Road, Coventry). The beloved husband of Nancy and dearly loved by his family. Funeral private.
CROFT - Suddenly at home in Gravesend, Kent, Freda Kathleen, aged 80. Devoted wife of the late Tom, much loved mother of James, Susan and Robert and a loving grandmother. She will be greatly missed by her family and friends. Funeral Service to be held at the Medway Crematorium, Robin Hood Lane (Upper), Chatham, on Friday 26th February at 2.30 pm. Family flowers only please, but donations, if desired, to the N.S.P.C.C. c/o Lewis Solomon Funeral Services, 19 Darnley Road, Gravesend, Kent, DA11 0RZ.
HALL - On 19th February 1993, aged 86 years, Henry James of Lichfield Staffordshire, peacefully at home. Funeral 2pm, Friday 26th February at Lichfield Cathedral. No flowers please. Donations to Lichfield Cathedral Trust Music Fund. All enquiries to F M & J Wait F/D, 25 Bird St, Lichfield, Staffs. 0543 263138.
HARDY - On February 19th 1993, peacefully in Molesey Hospital, Ralph Kenyon (Andy) Hardy D.O.M.R.O., retired Osteopath. Most dearly loved husband of Margaret, loving father of Nigel and Peter, grandfather of Gemma and Annabel. Funeral Service, Thursday 25th February at 12.30 pm, Randalls Park Crematorium, Leatherhead. Enquiries F.W. Paine, tel: (081) 979-5343.
HARRIS - Sheila Alexandra, on 14th February, suddenly at home in Dorchester-on-Thames. Widow of Dr. David Harris, loved and loving mother and grandmother. Funeral Service at The Abbey on Friday 26th February at 2 pm. Family flowers only but donations, if desired, to Dorchester Abbey Fabric Fund.
HOUGHTON - Charlotte Mary (née Pattisson), widow of the late Revd. Ralph Houghton, suddenly at her Oxford home on 17th February 1993. Much loved by her family and friends. Cremation private. Thanksgiving Service at St Margaret's Church, St Margaret's Road, Oxford, at 11.30 am on Thursday 25th February. Flowers to the Church or to R.L. Bromley & Sons, 145 Magdalen Road, Oxford.
JAMES - On 18th February 1993, at Salisbury Hospital, Ena, beloved wife of the late Henry James, and dear mother of Cynthia and Philip. Funeral at Sutton Veny Church at twelve noon on Thursday 25th February. Family flowers only please - donations if wished to the British Red Cross Society, c/o Curtis, Undertakers, Warminster, Wilts.
LOCKWOOD - On 18th February 1993. Peacefully in hospital in Monaco. Lt. Col. Alec Sugden, late Irish Guards, aged 85. Loved by Rhona and Susan, John, and David. Funeral private in Menton.
NEILL - On 18th February 1993 peacefully in a nursing home on the Wirral aged 93 years. Henry Christopher, formerly of Dean Close, Cheltenham and Achimota School, Ghana. Enq: (051) 645-4396.
PHELPS - Julia Marion, M.A. (R.C.A.) of Putney and Loughton, Essex. Landscape artist. Died peacefully after determined fight against cancer, February 16th. Funeral St Mary The Virgin, Putney 2pm, Friday 26th February. Tributes to Mears & Cotterill, 169 Merton Road, Wandsworth, SW18 5EQ or To 9 Middlesex Close, British Grove, Chiswick W4

MEMORIAL SERVICES

MODET - John Anthony. A Memorial Service will be held on Thursday March 4th at 12.15 pm at St Mary's, Cadogan Street, London SW3.
WYNTER - A Service of Thanksgiving for the life of Mr Ted Wynter MC, former Principal of Haywards Heath College, Past President of Sussex Rugby Union and past member of the Committee of the Rugby Football Union will be held at St Wilfred's Church, Haywards Heath, at 2 pm on Monday 22nd March 1993.

IN MEMORIAM - PRIVATE

HARGREAVES - R.H. Sadly missed, never forgotten. C.K.R. and Daniel.
HARRISON - Dr. Peter John, loving and dearly loved son and brother. He wore his learning lightly and gladdened our world.
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OBITUARIES

LESLIE NORMAN

Leslie Norman, British film producer and director, died at Knebworth, Hertfordshire, on February 18 aged 81. He was born on February 23, 1911.

OFTEN in harness with Sir Michael Balcon, Leslie Norman was associated, either as producer or director, with a succession of films whose names read like the roll of a vanished golden age of British cinema. Among his most characteristic essays in the Ealing Studios style, were *The Cruel Sea* (1953), which he produced and *Dunkirk* (1958), which he directed for Michael Balcon. Both exemplified that understated "grace under pressure" which the British like to think characterises them at moments of great crisis — and the former was a big hit at the box office.

But Norman was happy with all sorts of material, ranging from one of his early production efforts, the breezy Ealing comedy, *A Run for Your Money* (1949) to a subject in a more thoughtful vein, *Mandy* (1952), with its compelling semi-documentary qualities, in a story about a girl coping with deafness. To his handling of his material he brought his great strengths as an editor, an aspect of film making in which he was utterly at home. He had an extraordinary visual memory which enabled him to see every shot in the context of the film as a whole.

Leslie Norman's association with films had begun before the war when, at 16, he started out by sweeping the studio floors. Before war interrupted his film career he had already established himself as one of the Ealing studio's most trusted editors.

When war came this capability — as an editor of sound as well as of film — shaped the course of his military contribution. Commissioned into the Army, he was sent to Burma, where he was put in charge of a sonic warfare unit. The aim of the operation was to confuse the Japanese as to the whereabouts of British units by creating the illusion of troop movements in the jungle. This was done by broadcasting over loudspeakers the sounds of tank engines, breaking undergrowth, shouted commands and stumbling feet. At times Norman and his equipment would be totally isolated for days on end in the jungle. But he had great aptitude for this work. On one occasion, ordered to create the sounds of a substantial British force, to invite the Japanese to attack while they themselves were taken in the rear by the actual British units, he created such an effective illusion that the Japanese actually withdrew rather than try conclusions with Norman's phantom army.

Meanwhile, a crisis at Ealing Studios determined that Norman should not see out his war in the Burmese jungles. A film, *The Overlanders*, about the droving life in wartime Australia, directed by Harry Watt, was acknowledged to have its qualities, but its slow, undramatic pace seemed to threaten any likelihood of its going down with the public. The footage had defied repeated attempts to edit it into coherency. Michael Balcon, on the verge of scrapping the project, asked for Norman's release from the Army, and he was pulled out of the jungle and brought home to Ealing to see if he could make the film work. By using footage of "Australia" shot in Kew Gardens and cunningly woven into the existing footage, and by re-editing the whole, Norman very successfully salvaged *The Overlanders*, which was released in 1946. To this day it is regarded as being the best of the Ealing Australian "Westerns".

Norman now embarked on a career as a producer at Ealing. His first venture, *Eureka Stockade* (1948), another Australian story, this time set in the last century, was not a total success. But *Where No Vultures Fly* (1951), a ravishingly shot East African safari story, starring Anthony Steel as a game warden, had a glamour which went down well in a Britain still in the grip of postwar austerity. After *Mandy* came *The Cruel Sea*, starring Jack Hawkins as a wartime convoy escort commander. It, too, had a strongly documentary quality that has worn well with the years. Its stark, black and white photography, powerfully evoking the wet and cold of the North Atlantic in winter, yields to none of its more colourful successors.

Norman began directing with *The Night My Number Came Up* (1955) a story of predestination which had a distinguished writer in R. C. Sherriff and an equally distinguished cast, headed by Michael Redgrave and including Sheila Sim, Denholm Elliott and Michael Hordern. The result demonstrated Norman's absolute mastery of pace and atmosphere. In 1958 he directed what had long been a pet Michael Balcon project, *Dunkirk*. Scaling down the epic by focussing on a small group which becomes detached from the main force, it remains at this distance in time, interesting rather compelling. Yet it contains fine understated performances by actors such as John Mills, and the beach scenes show all Norman's mastery.

Norman continued to direct for several more years, but the decline of the Ealing Studios — and of the British film industry in general — left him with increasingly restricted options. His films of the 1960s do not have quite the same conviction as his earlier work and for *The Lost Continent* (1968) a version of a Dennis Wheatley thriller, he was replaced as director by Michael Carreras after the start of production.

Sixteen years ago, cancer of the larynx finally compelled him to retire, though, like his friend, Jack Hawkins, he doggedly taught himself to speak after throat surgery and bore his terminal illness with great fortitude.

He leaves his widow, Elizabeth, two sons, one of whom is the film critic Barry Norman, the younger being Richard, and a daughter, Valerie.

Flight from the beaches: troops patiently await rescue in *Dunkirk*, directed by Leslie Norman

JUDITH CHAPLIN

Judith Chaplin, Conservative MP for Newbury and former special adviser to John Major, died of complications following an operation on February 19 aged 53. She was born on August 19, 1939.

OF THE 21 new women MPs elected at the last general election, Judith Chaplin had perhaps the brightest future ahead of her. Very much a graduate of Whitehall — she had served both Nigel Lawson and John Major in the Treasury before moving to No 10 in December 1990 as head of the political office — she got to the House of Commons only at the relatively late age of 52. But she had a solid background in Tory politics, having been a member of the Norfolk County Council for 11 years, of the Conservative Research Department for three, as well as having run the policy unit of the Institute of Directors from 1986-88. Few doubted that she would have been rewarded with ministerial office — and not necessarily merely at under-secretary level — in any summer government reshuffle.

A surgeon's daughter, Judith Schofield did not start out in politics. Educated at Wycombe Abbey and Girton College, Cambridge, her first job, as a young married woman, was to found and run an independent nursery and preparatory school. She never quite lost the aura of a brisk and businesslike headmistress — an aspect of her personality that served her well when, on party rather than official occasions, her duties at No 10 included the briefing of journalists. It fell to her to give the briefing on the prime minister's pro-Maastricht speech at the Welsh Conservative party conference held at Swansea in June 1991. Although John Major's language was necessarily coded — including, as it did, the first intimation that there would not, after all, be an autumn 1991 election — her exposition of it was a model of no-nonsense clarity and diplomacy.

Chaplin's degree at Cambridge had been in economics — she also subsequently took a diploma in economics from her local University of East Anglia — and, once she gave up running her school in Norfolk, she went to work for a firm of chartered accountants. At the time she also faced the task of bringing up four children as a single parent, her first marriage having ended in divorce in 1979. She headed the economics section of the Conservative Research Department from 1983-86 before moving over in the latter year to the Institute of Directors.

It was from there that Nigel Lawson recruited her to be his political adviser at the Treasury. It was a move widely interpreted at the time as being intended to counterbalance the influence of Sir Alan Walters over No 10. But, if that was its purpose, it failed. Within a year Lawson had resigned, specifically complaining against the role Walters was playing in second-guessing the Chancellor. Chaplin, however, was immediately reappointed by Lawson's successor, John Major, with whom she established an instinctive rapport. (Significantly or not, her name is mentioned only once in Lawson's lengthy volume of memoirs, and then only very cursorily.)

Like David Owen, however, the prime minister has always had a penchant for strong, independent-minded women and Chaplin soon became an integral part of his team. She played a leading role in the preparation of the Conservatives' 1992 election campaign, being a regular member of the No 12 Committee (named after the whips' address in Downing Street where it met) established by John Major to co-ordinate the activities of government and party. She also attended the key strategy weekend meeting held at Chequers in November 1991 at which the groundwork for the manifesto was laid.

But by then she had, after some years of discouragement, succeeded in becoming a Conservative candidate herself, having been selected for the Berkshire seat of Newbury, which was already under threat from the Liberal Democrats. The need to nurse the seat involved some scaling down of her No 10 activities but Chaplin, despite grumbling from colleagues, held onto her post there until she was safely elected an MP less than a year ago. She made the always awkward transition from appointed to elective office with the aplomb only to be expected from someone who had already chaired a county education authority as well as serving on a number of departmental committees. She was one of the ablest women MPs on either side of the House.

Judith Chaplin was twice married, first to Robin (now Lord) Walpole, by whom she had two sons and two daughters, and then in 1984 to the architect Michael Chaplin, who survives her together with her children.

PROFESSOR GEORGE MONTGOMERY

Professor George Lightbody Montgomery, CBE, TD, emeritus professor of pathology in the University of Edinburgh, died in Edinburgh on February 5 aged 87. He was born in Glasgow on November 3, 1905.

GEORGE Montgomery was internationally respected for his distinguished contributions to pathology and medicine. He was professor of pathology in Edinburgh and pathologist to the Royal Infirmary (1954-71) and previously St Mungo (Notman) professor of pathology in the University of Glasgow and pathologist to Glasgow Royal Infirmary (1948-54).

He was educated at Hillhead High School and Glasgow University where he graduated in medicine in 1928. After a short time as assistant pathologist at Glasgow Royal, he was appointed lecturer in clinical pathology in the University of St Andrews in 1931. He graduated PhD in 1937 and returned to Glasgow as Gardiner lecturer in pathology of diseases of infancy and childhood and pathologist to the Royal Hospital for Sick Children.

Throughout the war he served with the Royal Army Medical Corps and his appointments included Deputy Director of Pathology in the Central Mediterranean Force and later DDP in South-East Asia.

In 1948 he was appointed to the chair of pathology in the University of Glasgow and was consultant pathologist to Glasgow Royal Infirmary, where he spent six happy and productive years before his translation to the chair of pathology in Edinburgh.

Montgomery was a fellow of the Royal College of Physicians of Glasgow, the Royal College of Physicians of Edinburgh, the Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh and the Royal College of Pathologists. He was elected a fellow of the Royal Society of Edinburgh in 1950.

Montgomery made significant research contributions, especially to cardiovascular pathology. In Edinburgh he reorganised and rationalised the pathology service in the Royal Infirmary and associated hospitals and he laid a sure foundation of academic pathology in the Medical School. Many of his junior colleagues in Glasgow and Edinburgh subsequently filled senior academic and hospital posts in this country and overseas. He had outstanding gifts of tact and diplomacy and was a skilled administrator.

He was chairman of the Scottish Health Services Council (1954-59), Dean of the Faculty of Medicine in Edinburgh (1955-57), chairman of the Edinburgh Postgraduate Board for Medicine (1966-71), a Curator of Patronage of the University, vice-president of the Royal College of Pathologists and of the Royal Society of Edinburgh and chaired many university and health service committees. He was an influential figure in the founding of the Royal College of Pathologists and as secretary of the Pathological Society of Great Britain and Ireland he forged valuable links with sister European societies, especially in Holland and Norway. He was elected to honorary membership of the Pathological Society of Great Britain and Ireland and, in 1960, he was made a CBE.

Montgomery was an able and talented keyboard musician and, as a member of the faculty of medicine, he had the unusual honour of being also a member of the faculty of music in Edinburgh. He enjoyed gardening and walking in the Pentland Hills.

After retiring from the chair in 1971 he spent two years in an advisory position to the faculty of medicine at the University of Malaysia in Kuala Lumpur. For a few years after his return to Edinburgh he prepared anatomical and pathological demonstrations in the department of anatomy.

He is survived by his wife, Margaret Forbes, whom he married in 1933, and by a son in Australia and a daughter.

TERENCE LOVETT

Terence Lovett, conductor, died on February 6 aged 70. He was born in Bow, East London, on July 2, 1922.

TERENCE Lovett devoted the greater part of his career to the encouragement of young musicians and the fulfilment of amateur talent in choral, orchestral and solo fields.

He became a staff conductor with the Royal Ballet in 1962, touring all over the UK and Europe. In 1964 he became conductor of the BBC Northern Ireland Orchestra and over a period of four years raised its reputation as a serious orchestra. In 1968 he joined the Ernest Read Music Association as musical director and, through its well-known orchestras and children's concerts, was able to embrace his love of both conducting and stimulating young musicians, over the next ten years.

Lovett was involved with numerous amateur orchestras over the years including the Leyton Symphony Orchestra, the Stock Exchange's Strolling Players, the Hull Philharmonic and the Umea Summer School in Sweden. His professional freelance work took him to Holland, Belgium, France, Italy, Germany, Switzerland and Japan. Most recently he was involved with the Merton Youth Orchestra and founded the New London Music Society, establishing its orchestra, choir and successful summer school.

Terence Lovett had won a scholarship to The Coopers Company School, where he excelled at fencing as well as music. He entered the Royal Academy of Music at 17 where he studied percussion and conducting with Ernest Read and Sir Henry Wood. After a short period of war-service in India in the RAF Regiment Band, he returned to the Royal Academy to complete his studies, as a sub-professor. He later won a scholarship and studied under Alceo Galliera in Siena.

His vocation with youth was fulfilled in his first full-time appointment, as Director of Music at the Royal Masonic School for Boys, where he established an orchestra, choir and military band. He returned to the Royal Academy of Music as a professor and junior warden in 1956, taking responsibility for the opera class and the junior exhibitioner course, which has channelled so many promising youngsters into the profession. He was subsequently elected a fellow of the Academy.

He leaves a widow and three married sons.

Fred Hollows

FRED Hollows, an Australian eye surgeon, who developed techniques to combat eye diseases in Aborigines, died of lung cancer in Sydney on February 10 aged 63.

It was in the 1960s that Hollows found many Aborigines in Australia's outback were afflicted with eye diseases not seen in mainstream Australian society for generations. He set up a team of eye specialists and used simple and inexpensive techniques to treat almost 30,000 Aborigines for trachoma, a disease that causes blindness. Using this experience he later established similar programmes in parts of the Third World.

Born in New Zealand, Hollows came to Australia in 1965 and worked as a hospital orderly, bulldozer driver and bore-sinker before embarking on a career as an ophthalmologist.

He eventually became professor of ophthalmology at the University of New South Wales.

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BERLIN CINEMA STORMED

JEWS' OBJECTION TO "OLIVER TWIST"

From Our Own Correspondent
BERLIN, FEB. 21.

Another Jewish demonstration this afternoon prevented the showing of the British film *Oliver Twist* in a cinema in the British sector of Berlin.

As yesterday afternoon, when it was also impossible to show the film, the demonstrators were predominantly non-German Jews. This fact did not escape the notice of the large crowd of Germans who gathered round the cinema. There was applause from many of the Jews when the German police drew their truncheons on the demonstrators, who were frequently referred to as "Polish black-marketeers".

The demonstrators, numbering fewer than 100, gathered outside the cinema just before the performance was due to begin. Although they were at least equalled, and probably outnumbered, by the German police they succeeded in breaking through the cordon guarding the entrance, and a group fought their way into the cinema. There they beat against the doors and panelling of the auditorium, and after one door had been broken open the audience, who were watching a short film, took fright and left by a rear exit.

Meanwhile the demonstration continued outside. The police sought to break up the crowd by using their truncheons, and two revolver shots were fired. Three arrests were made.

The demonstration finally ceased when a representative of the Jewish community came from the cinema and announced in Yiddish that *Oliver Twist* would not be shown. He was cheered by a group of Jews, who sang the Israeli national anthem. Four British public safety officers were present in the later stages of the incident, but British military police were not there. This accords with the official British attitude that the expediency of showing the film must be decided by the theatre owner and the representative of the British distributors, and that any disturbance arising from the exhibition of the film must be dealt with by the German police.

Representatives of the Jewish community in Berlin have written a letter to protest to General Sir Brian Robertson, the British Military Governor, and Professor Ernst Reuter, the senior burgomaster has described the showing of such a film as inexpedient at the present time. Herr Reuter is one of the signatories of a letter received this afternoon by British Military Government asking for the withdrawal of the film. It is evident, however, that much of the agitation is artificial, and so far as it comes from responsible Germans it seems ill-judged. The anti-Jewish feeling caused by the demonstrations yesterday and to-day, which were prompted by newspaper articles, is greater and farther-reaching than any that the film itself would have been likely to provide.

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David Lean's film was also condemned by the Jewish community in New York. In June 1948, the Times *critic wrote of Mr Alec Guinness's "careful, gloating, intelligent drawing of Fagin".*

Clarke pursues crime crusade

■ Teenage criminals are to be sent to new-look approved schools as part of a toughened regime being prepared by Kenneth Clarke, the home secretary, to punish persistent offenders. As the prime minister called for a national crusade against crime, Mr Clarke and his Labour counterpart, Tony Blair, agreed on the need for such youngsters to be punished, restrained and rehabilitated ..... Pages 1, 2

Hundreds evacuated from floods

■ Hundreds of people were evacuated from their homes along the east coast when high tides and gale-force winds caused widespread flooding. Holiday bungalows collapsed and were swept away after the sea washed away their foundations. Helicopters lifted 380 men from an accommodation rig in the North Sea ..... Page 1

Murder charges

Two boys aged ten will appear before magistrates in Bootle, Merseyside, today, charged with abducting and murdering James Bulger ..... Page 1

DAF dispute

Michael Heseltine walked into a new dispute after the British operations of the collapsed Anglo-Dutch lorry group DAF were excluded from a rescue package because the government refused to contribute ..... Pages 1, 40

Climbing deaths

A community in Lancashire was mourning the death of a family doctor killed with his teenage son and brother on a climbing holiday in the Cairngorms. The last of the three bodies was recovered yesterday ..... Page 3

Fighting corruption

Former officials of Hackney and Lambeth councils tell of fighting a losing battle against maladministration and corruption in local government ..... Page 5

Maintenance fear

The judge put in charge of a tribunal to hear appeals over the new child maintenance payments to be imposed on absent fathers predicts a flood of acrimonious cases ..... Page 6

Ukraine offer

An offer by Ukraine to help with the restoration of Windsor Castle is being considered seriously by the national heritage department ..... Page 6

Rail warning

The government has been told that, without huge investment, the InterCity West Coast line from London to Glasgow will be forced to close within seven years because of a growing risk to passenger safety ..... Page 8

Middle East talks

Warren Christopher, the American Secretary of State, arrives in Israel today for talks with Israeli and Palestinian leaders to determine the fate of the Middle East peace process. He held talks with President Assad of Syria yesterday, before flying to Saudi Arabia and Kuwait ..... Page 11

Bosnian relief

A proposal by Washington to drop food aid in eastern Bosnia, where thousands of Muslims are starving, was greeted with little enthusiasm in London, where officials referred to it as an option of last resort ..... Page 12

Italian reshuffle

By patching together a rearranged cabinet, Giuliano Amato, the Italian prime minister, has again shown his gift for tactical manoeuvring and his capacity to soldier on in the face of adversity ..... Page 11

De Klerk ridiculed

The African National Congress has ridiculed a decision by President de Klerk to draft into his cabinet one Indian and two Coloured ministers in a reshuffle that makes a gesture towards racial integration ..... Page 13

Village braces for ritual violence

■ Shop-keepers will board their windows and police will be on stand-by tomorrow as the villagers of Sedgefield, co. Durham, prepare for the annual bout of brutality that is the Shrove Tuesday Ball Game. Almost a thousand people will battle for the honour of scoring the winning try, which guarantees them free beer at local pubs ..... Page 8

PETER TREVINOR

Moving out: Jacopo Ligozzi's *Marriage of Francesco de' Medici and Joanna of Austria*, one of a series of seven 17th-century paintings commissioned by Marie de' Medici, which is being sold by the Earl of Elgin at Broomhall, his seat in Scotland

Cricket: The Indian batsman Vinod Kambli scored an undefeated 164 on his home ground as India reached 397 for three, a lead of 50, in the third and final Test match against England in Bombay ..... Pages 21, 22

Football: Chelsea lost 2-0 against Blackburn Rovers to make it 13 games without a win. To add to the worries of new manager David Webb, defender Frank Sinclair was sent off ..... Page 21

Golf: David Gilford, the Ryder Cup golfer, won the Moroccan Open for the second year at Golf Royal de Agadir, beating fellow England international Jamie Spence and Stephen Ames of Trinidad and Tobago by one shot ..... Page 21

Thwarted anonymity: Alice Thomson meets Frances Heaton who, as the only woman director of the Bank of England, is First Lady of the City ..... Page 14

Obsessive behaviour: For thousands, the problem of the overzealous fan or unrequited lover has become more than a matter of tiresome telephone calls in the middle of the night ..... Page 14

Fresh image: This summer's dress is shapely and refined. It fits and flares, but never nips. It stops just short of the floor, somewhere between calf and ankle. Iain R Webb reports ..... Page 15

Demanding role: All priest and half schoolmaster, school chaplains switch from classroom to vestry, from chapel to school kitchen as they minister to the whole community, from the youngest pupil to the oldest gardener. And there can be conflicts ..... Page 29

Clear powers: Is the head the chief executive of the school or merely the governors' poodle? In the independent sector, the role is clear: he or she is chief executive, accountable to the board of governors but retaining responsibility for the effective management of the school. In the maintained sector, the position is less precise. John Rae on the roll of the head ..... Page 31

No more Rabbit? John Updike, whose new novel is published in Britain next week, talks about Alfred Clayton, the successor to Harry Angstrom, anti-hero of his four "Rabbit" novels ..... Page 33

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Passion played: Jonathan Miller's staging of the St Matthew Passion is "in the broadest sense a genuine religious experience" ..... Page 34

Classical crunch: Compass Theatre Company has collapsed; the English Shakespeare Company is in doubt. The outlook for classical touring is gloomy ..... Page 35

Shelling out: Potential losses of £925 million on foreign exchange speculation at its Japanese associate have forced Royal Dutch Shell to take a £131 million net charge ahead of its results on Wednesday ..... Page 40

China warning: Tiffany's, the Manhattan jewellery store, is trying to contact more than 400 customers — a dozen in Britain — after discovering that some of its most expensive china had lead levels above the US legal limit ..... Page 40

Bonus boost: Four senior directors of Citicorp have received salary and bonuses totalling more than $5.5 million as the bank moved from loss into profit ..... Page 40

Salman Rushdie appealed for a meeting with John Major to strengthen his campaign to end the *fatwa* imposed on him by Iran
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President Herzog of Israel tells *The Times* how he will defy Middle East sceptics and bring an upbeat message to London this week
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Martina Navratilova struck a blow for tennis's old guard by ending the six-month unbeaten run of Monica Seles in Paris yesterday
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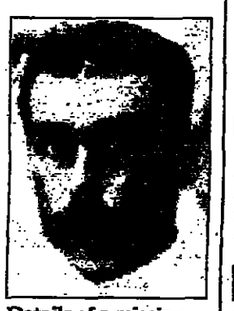

Details of a mission by Sir Henry Morton Stanley to rescue a beleaguered African potentate have been discovered stuffed in a plastic carrier bag
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An archaeologist and a stonemason build their own pyramid to find out how the ancient Egyptians did it. *Horizon: The Pyramid Builders* (BBC2, 8pm) ..... Page 39

Children and crime

The danger is that the debate will focus too starkly on stiffer sentences that will do nothing to reduce crime levels. The opportunity is that parents, teachers and social workers will start to reassess their own roles in instilling a sense of right and wrong ..... Page 17

Decline and fall

The political landscape in Italy is beginning to resemble a natural disaster zone. There are certainly more tremors to come; but now is the moment for political architects and engineers to concentrate on rebuilding the state ..... Page 17

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There has been much discussion about the supposed decadence of our society and the loss of a knowledge of right and wrong among children. . . . If one reads the newspapers, much of what is being offered is not spiritual growth, with all the joy that implies, but worldly regulations ..... Page 16

MATTHEW PARRIS

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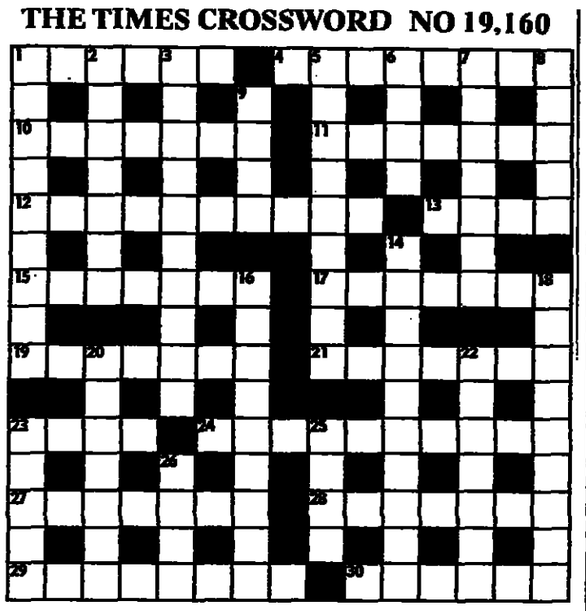

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1 Making feasts least likely to have adverse effects (6).
4 Force many a sailing man to go about (8).
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12 Got in since dividing constituents (10).
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17 Fields, perhaps, or what may be used to cultivate them (7).
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21 Joints where midshipmen are seen (7).
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24 "I can resist everything except _____" (Wilde) (10).
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3 Lacking elan when there's nothing alcoholic to drink? (10).
5 Times in a cathedral carpeting's required (9).
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20 The youngster presented to a princess (7).
22 Late acknowledgement (7).
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PARKER DUOFOLD

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Scotland and Northern Ireland will be mostly cloudy with a little light rain or drizzle. Temperatures will be close to average. England and Wales will have a very cold day and eastern England will be quite windy. There will be a lot of dry, bright weather, with sunshine at times, but there will be snow showers as well. Outlook: Tuesday will be mostly dry and cold, but rain will spread across all districts on Wednesday. It will stay cold.

MIDDAY: t=thunder; d=drizzle; fg=fog; s=sun; sl=sleet; sn=snow; f=fair; c=cloud; r=rain

	C	F			C	F	
Ajaccio	11	52	c	Madrid	13	55	s
Alcrdni	18	61	s	Majorca	15	59	s
Alex'dria	18	64	f	Malaga	17	63	s
Algiers	15	59	s	Malta	13	55	s
Amst'dm	9	41	c	Melb'rne	14	57	s
Athens	9	48	c	Miami*	22	72	f
Bahrain	22	72	c	Milan	13	55	f
Bangkok	33	91	s	Moscow	0	32	sn
Barbade*	29	84	c	Munich	0	32	c
Barcelna	12	54	s	Nairobi	25	77	s
Beirut	16	61	f	Naples	12	54	s
Belgrade	4	39	f	N Delhi	20	68	s
Berlin	0	32	c	N York*	-2	28	f
Bermuda*	16	61	f	Nice	12	54	f
Biarritz	9	48	d	Oslo	-4	25	f
Borde'x	10	50	c	Paris	6	43	f
Brussels	3	37	f	Peking	3	37	s
Budapst	2	36	c	Perth	28	79	s
B Aires*	21	70	c	Prague	1	34	f
Cairo	20	68	s	Reykjavik	4	39	d
Cape Tn	19	66	d	Rhodes	12	54	s
Cologne	4	39	c	Rio de J	30	86	s
C'hagn	-2	28	f	Riyadh	22	72	f
Corfu	12	54	s	Rome	12	54	f
Dublin	8	46	f	Salzburg	1	34	sn
Dubrovnik	9	48	f	S Fr'sco*	10	50	r
Faro	17	63	s	Santiago*	23	84	s
Florence	5	41	r	S Paulo*	23	73	c
Frankfurt	5	41	f	Seoul	5	41	r
Funchal	18	64	f	Sing'por	30	86	f
Geneva	3	37	c	Stnholm	-8	18	sn
Gibraltar	16	61	f	Strasb'rg	4	39	c
Helsinki	-12	10	s	Sydney	22	72	r
Hong K'	23	73	s	Tangier	18	64	s
Innsbruck	-2	28	sn	Tel Aviv	19	66	s
Istanbul	8	46	f	Tenerife	20	68	f
Jeddah	31	88	f	Tokyo	9	48	c
Jo'burg*	24	75	s	Toronto*	-5	23	f
Karachi	31	88	s	Tunis	14	57	c
L Palmas	20	68	s	Valencia	18	64	s
La Toquet	5	41	f	Venice*	0	32	sn
Lisbon	14	57	s	Venice	9	48	s
Locarno	7	45	f	Vienna	5	41	f
London	6	43	c	Warsaw	2	35	s
L.Angels*	11	52	r	Wash'ton*	3	37	f
Luxembg	2	36	sn	Wel'nton	18	64	f
Lyon*	23	73	s	Zurich	2	36	f

* denotes figures are latest available

Yesterday: Temp: max 8am to 8pm, 7C (45F); min 6pm to 6am, 5C (41F). Humidity: 6pm, 39 per cent. Rain: 24hr to 6pm, nil. Sun: 24hr to 6pm, 6.2hr. Bar, mean sea level, 6pm, 1,023.7 millibars, rising.
1,000 millibars = 29.53in.

Yesterday: Highest day temp: Penzance, Cornwall, 11C (52F); lowest day max: Lerwick, Shetland, 0C (32F); highest rainfall: Colishall, Norfolk, 0.12in; highest sunshine: Buxton, Derbyshire; Bognor Regis, West Sussex; and Sandown, Isle of Wight, 7.9hr.

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	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Aberdeen	0.5	0.05	10	50	hail
Anglesey	1.5	-	9	48	cloudy
Aviemore	0.3	0.24	8	46	hail
Belfast	0.7	0.01	9	48	rain
Bognor Regis	5.8	-	10	50	bright
Bournemouth	6.6	-	9	48	sunny
Bristol	5.2	-	9	48	bright
Buxton	0.2	-	5	41	cloudy
Cardiff	1.3	-	7	45	cloudy
Clacton	0.8	-	8	46	cloudy
Cromer	0.9	-	8	46	cloudy
Douglas	-	-	8	46	cloudy
Edinburgh	1.2	-	11	52	bright
Eskdalemuir	-	0.04	7	45	rain
Exmouth	3.5	-	8	46	bright
Folkestone	2.2	-	8	46	bright
Glasgow	2.8	-	11	52	bright
Guernsey	3.9	-	11	52	bright
Hastings	X	-	8	46	bright
Jersey	3.4	-	10	50	bright
Leeds	1.0	-	9	48	cloudy
Lerwick	1.2	0.20	5	41	snow
Littlehampton	5.9	-	9	48	sunny
Liverpool	0.7	-	7	45	cloudy
London	1.9	-	9	48	bright
Lowestoft	1.2	-	7	45	cloudy
Manchester	0.1	-	7	45	cloudy
Margate	X	-	8	46	cloudy
Minehead	2.4	-	8	46	bright
Morecambe	0.2	-	8	46	drizzle
Newcastle	1.8	-	9	48	cloudy
Newquay	-	-	8	46	dull
Nottingham	-	-	7	45	cloudy
Penzance	0.4	-	9	48	cloudy
Plymouth	2.1	-	9	48	cloudy
Poole	5.0	-	9	48	sunny
Prestwick	-	-	9	48	cloudy
Staunton Snd	1.9	-	8	46	cloudy
Scarborough	2.0	-	9	48	cloudy
Scilly Isles	-	-	8	46	dull
Shanklin	6.3	-	9	48	sunny
Southend	1.0	-	9	48	cloudy
Southsea	5.1	-	9	48	sunny
Stornoway	-	0.05	6	46	hail
Swanage	7.2	-	9	48	sunny
Teignmouth	5.0	-	9	48	sunny
Torquay	-	-	8	46	cloudy
Tiree	0.6	0.04	9	48	rain
Torquay	6.2	-	10	50	sunny
Weymouth	6.7	-	10	50	sunny
Wick	-	0.22	7	45	snow
Worthing	5.5	-	9	48	sunny

* Denotes not available
These are Saturday's figures

London 5.28 pm to 7.09 am
Bristol 5.42 pm to 7.06 am
Edinburgh 5.32 pm to 7.19 am
Manchester 5.33 pm to 7.11 am
Penzance 5.52 pm to 7.16 am

Sun rises: 7.01 am
Sun sets: 5.28 pm
Moon rises: 6.50 am
Moon sets: 6.55 pm
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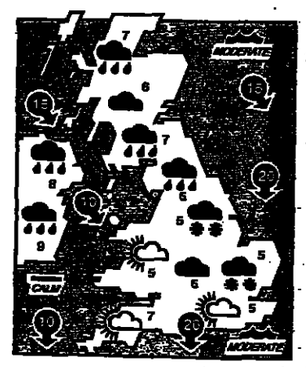
Temperatures at midday yesterday: c, cloud; f, fair; r, rain; s, sun.

	C	F			C	F	
Belfast	6	43	c	Guernsey	8	46	s
B'mgham	5	41	s	Inverness	4	39	c
Blackpool	7	45	s	Jersey	9	48	f
Bristol	8	46	f	London	6	43	c
Cardiff	9	48	f	M'nchster	6	43	f
Edinburgh	5	41	f	Newcastle	4	39	c
Glasgow	7	45	f	R'nldsway	7	45	c

TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT	TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	2.22	7.0	2.44	7.0	Liverpool	11.50	9.3	—	—
Aberdeen	1.51	4.0	1.48	4.2	Lowestoft	10.24	2.2	10.09	2.4
Avonmouth	7.52	13.0	8.06	12.8	Margate	12.22	4.5	12.56	4.5
Belfast	11.37	3.4	11.54	3.2	Milford Haven	6.48	6.9	7.02	6.7
Cardiff	7.57	12.0	7.53	11.9	Newquay	5.38	6.9	5.52	6.7
Devonport	6.12	5.4	6.30	6.2	Oban	6.16	4.0	6.26	3.9
Dover	11.43	6.3	11.58	6.5	Penzance	5.08	5.5	5.27	5.3
Falmouth	5.42	5.2	6.00	5.0	Portland	7.16	2.1	7.37	1.9
Glasgow	1.28	4.3	1.41	4.7	Portsmouth	11.50	4.5	—	—
Harwich	12.12	3.8	12.35	3.8	Shoreham	11.44	6.0	—	—
Holyhead	10.51	5.5	11.11	5.3	Southampton	11.28	4.3	11.32	4.4
Hull	6.57	7.0	6.59	7.5	Swansea	6.50	9.5	7.07	9.3
Ilfracombe	6.32	9.0	6.46	8.8	Tees	4.19	4.9	4.30	5.3
King's Lynn	7.11	6.2	7.08	6.6	W'ton-on-Nze	12.04	4.0	12.28	4.0
Leith	3.12	5.3	3.12	5.4					



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Belgium Fr	51.85	47.45
Canada $	1.96	1.80
Denmark Kr	9.72	8.92
Finland Mkk	9.14	8.34
France Fr	8.53	7.83
Germany Dm	2.61	2.31
Greece Dr	338.00	314.00
Hong Kong $	11.58	10.68
Ireland Pt	1.02	0.94
Italy Lira	2375.00	2210.00
Japan Yen	191.00	172.50
Netherlands Gld	2.84	2.61
Norway Kr	10.69	9.89
Portugal Esc	228.30	210.30
South Africa Rd	5.30	4.60
Spain Pta	178.00	163.00
Sweden Kr	11.58	10.78
Switzerland Fr	2.31	2.13
Turkey Lira	14000.0	13000.0
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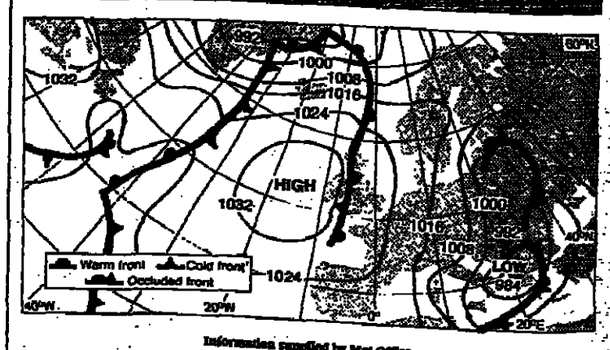

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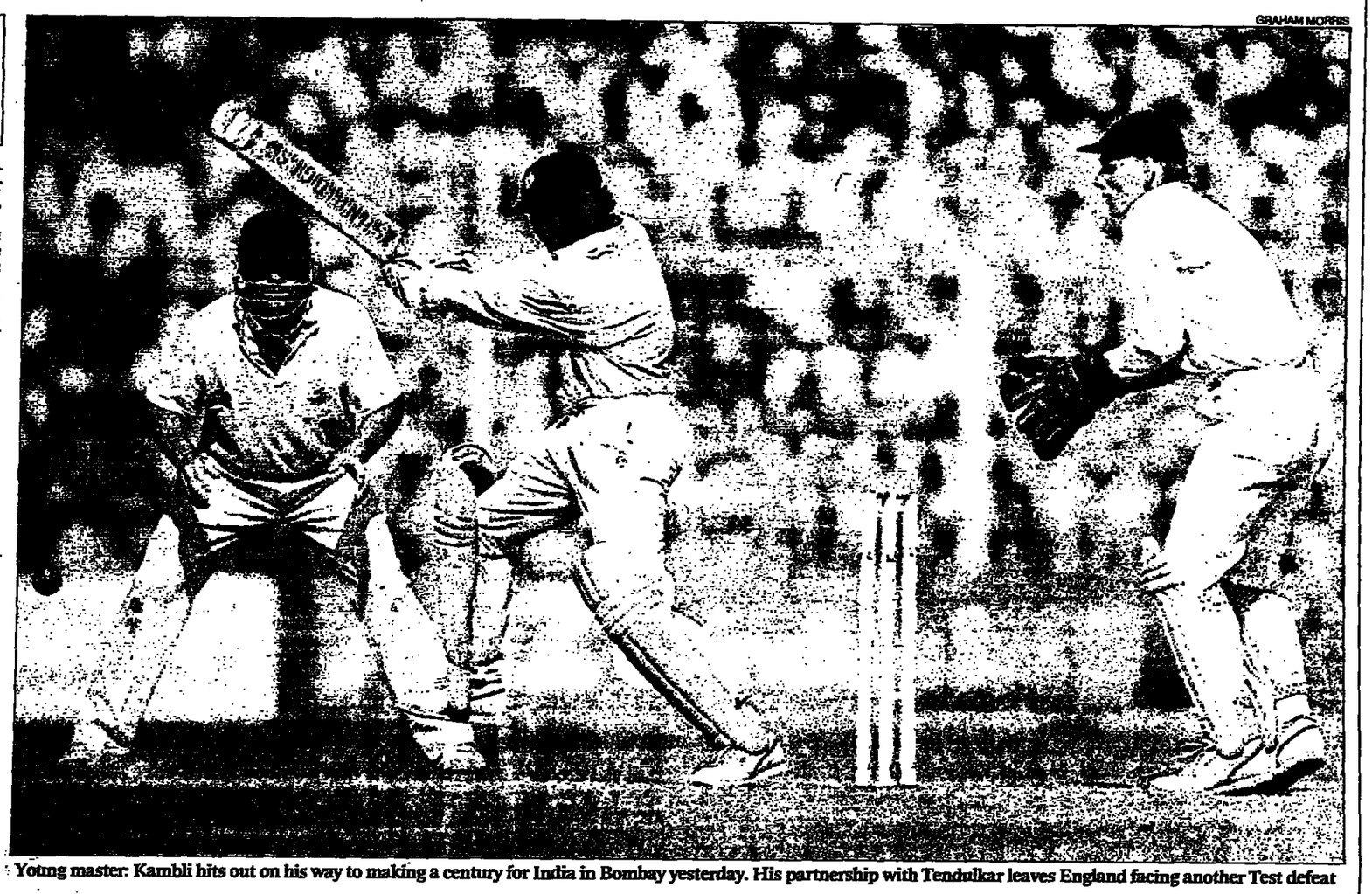
Home truths dawn under India's favourite sons

SIMON BARNES
At the Bombay Test

GRAHAM MORRIS



Young master: Kambli hits out on his way to making a century for India in Bombay yesterday. His partnership with Tendulkar leaves England facing another Test defeat

Home! I think everybody on the pitch was thinking about home. The batsmen, Sachin Tendulkar and Vinod Kambli, were boys who learned their cricket on the *maidans* of Bombay and now, aged 19 and 20, they were playing a Test match before their home crowd for the first time. Between them they put on all but 200 runs: for Bombay, home and beauty.

They played against 11 members of an England cricket side that is 2-0 down in the series and will do well to save this third Test here. At 397 for three, India are 50 runs ahead with seven first-innings wickets in hand and two days to go. And still the road stretches ahead: more one-day internationals in India and then, as an extra treat, a side trip to Sri Lanka. To every England player, home must seem very distant, and very sweet.

It is hard to win away from home. Fewer and fewer sides seem to do so. Only West Indies have managed to do so with any consistency. The demands shred the nerves and the patience of even the toughest side on tour. This is a hard job indeed. Tours are very intense and very long, and once a pattern of defeat has been established, it eats into the team and rots its soul.

The problem is that the cricket tour is one of sport's living fossils. It is as much out of kilter with the times as the Gentlemen v Players match. Tours of such phenomenal lengths are a left-over from the days of the steamship and the gentleman amateur. But they have become part of modern life and modern television, and so there are more of them than ever before. The annual winter tour has only recently become a mixed-in-stone fact of modern cricketing life. A tour involves ever more serious Test matches and an ever increasing number of crazy, exhausting one-dayers.

You would have thought the jet plane would have shortened tours, but no, it has merely made them tougher, for it has given us the eternal light. Players are whisked from place to place, for ever dislocated and lost, driven by the hunger of marketing men. I have heard it said that the schedules for touring teams in Australia are *designed* to wear out the opposition.

Every touring team suffers, and plunges into a spiral of defeat, all bar the mighty West Indies. India have just returned from a disastrous tour of South Africa. Naturally they were "a national disgrace". Papers published furious letters saying things like: "Our brazen cricketers in South Africa have once again put the whole nation to shame." This one comes from Disgusted of Dhanbad.

Graham Gooch, the England captain, said before the match: "We haven't come here believing we are going to lose again. You must never adopt the negative attitude."

But most of his team have a colossally negative attitude, not to the cricket, but to India itself. Even before they arrived, they were full of horror stories about looming digestive disasters. Naturally, every town is a hell hole.

Any sports psychologist will tell you how to prepare for a big event. You visualise the stadium, the crowd, the changing-room; you cultivate warm, friendly feelings towards this place where you must give your all. But where are this team's friendly feelings about India?

Most players regard the entire sub-Continent as one of the deeper circles of hell. Your sports psychologist will tell you that this is monstrously counter-productive. This is supposed to be the most professional and best prepared side to leave these shores. But in failing to cultivate positive attitudes about the place in which it was to work, it has become woefully unprofessional.

It seems to me that the approach of the single-minded professional is simply not enough for a touring cricketer. The old amateurs went tiger-shooting. They sought amusement from the place, as well as victory. But three months of nets and physical jerks, and cricket and hotel confinement, is no life for a man.

The Indians still talk with delight of Tony Greig. When he captained England in India, he would purposefully field before the rowdiest section of the crowd, greet them with a proper Indian *namaste* gesture and generally revel in the tumult of India. He had a ball; incidentally, he won the series.

Jack Russell took to the Indian streets and felt moved to draw what he saw. His eyes were opened; he discovered a new talent and a second career. David Gower just went tiger-shooting, but he took a camera rather than a gun. Incidentally, he also won as captain here. But neither Russell nor Gower was selected for this tour. Not professional enough, perhaps.

The England team has been trying its damndest as a team of single-minded professionals always will. They do not deserve all the vilification they are getting. People at home should understand that three months away from home cannot fail to be a long and difficult time.

On a tour, professional care can become overwhelming; colleagues can drive you to distraction; defeatism can sink into your veins, the rootlessness rots your resolution.

All the rules of touring count double in India, because India is an utterly overwhelming place. But if you want to come here as a professional sportsman and do well, it is advisable to find a way of loving the place. For those who fail to do so, success is infinitely harder to find.

I am not saying that this is an easy business. Sport is by nature adversarial. The England cricketers are in India to beat the Indians, just as the Indians were in South Africa to defeat the South Africans. But for the touring cricketers this often seems to be the other way round. The whole country is against you. And you try your guts out and get vilified at home: now the whole *world* is against you. Thus the spiral quickens, and defeat becomes inevitable.

I think, before we make judgments about cricketers living the life of Riley on tour and being a national disgrace, we should understand just how hard the life is. But I also think that if cricketers want to win a series abroad, they must prepare rather more than their abductor muscles and their technique against spin. They should prepare their minds. Better still, they should open them a little bit.

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Gilford beats off double challenge

BY OUR SPORTS STAFF

DAVID Gilford claimed the third PGA European Tour victory of his career when he won the Moroccan Open for the second year running yesterday with a final round of 71 and a total of 279, nine under par, at Royal Agadir.

Gilford, the 27-year-old Ryder Cup golfer, hides a steely resolve behind a self-effacing manner, and he needed all his grit and determination to fend off a challenge from Jamie Spence, his fellow England international, and Stephen Ames, the impressive rookie from Trinidad and Tobago.

Victory was Gilford's at the end of a pulsating afternoon in which the issue was not resolved until the last putt went down.

The three men started the final round level on 208, and it was cut and thrust all the way to the finish. Gilford, leading both his rivals by a stroke, three-putted the 17th for a par five, while Ames birdied the hole to draw level at nine under with Spence still a stroke behind.

Gilford and Spence both reached hit the green in two on the last and took their regulation two putts for par fours. Ames went over the back, chipped 12 feet short and his putt to draw level was dead on line but finished three inches short for a bogey five.

"Today was some of the best golf I have played," Gilford said. "This week I've had probably the best four rounds I've ever put together. Stephen put me under great pressure at the end, and I did not think I had got it until he went over the back at the last."

Gilford has made an impressive start to the season, being in the top ten in Madeira, Dubai and Tenerife. The £62,500 first prize will improve his chances of making the European Ryder Cup team for the second match running.

Gilford, who moved up to eleventh in the Ryder Cup table with 112,708.93 points and fourth in the European money list with £82,835, was quick to play down premature celebrations. "I'm only a third of the way towards the Ryder Cup," he said. "There is a long way to go."

Despite the closeness of the finish, Gilford always looked the most likely winner. He went ahead at the third hole with a 30-foot putt for a birdie, and was three shots clear of both his rivals after seven and two ahead after ten.

Ames briefly fell away with bogeys at the 10th and 11th, and it was Spence who drew level at nine under when Gilford bogeyed the 15th. Then Spence dropped a shot at the short 16th, leaving Gilford one shot ahead again before the last two eventful holes.

Gilford: third win

Chelsea welcome Webb with lifeless display

Blackburn Rovers 2
Chelsea 0

BY IAN ROSS

DAVID Webb has three months in which to preserve Chelsea's Premier League status and to ensure that his position as manager is confirmed. But on the evidence of the inadequate display at Ewood Park yesterday, it may not be long enough.

The arrival of a new manager customarily instils a sense of urgency but the Chelsea players were obviously unaware of that. This was a lethargic and depressing performance.

The seriousness of Chelsea's plight should not be underestimated. The middle of February is not the time to be suffering a run of 13 matches without a win and they are only nine points clear of the third relegation place. Two months ago, Chelsea were second in the league and harboured hopes of making progress in both cups.

A catastrophic dip in form and confidence brought exits from the cups and, last week, the dismissal of Ian Porterfield. One match is too soon for Webb to have identified the reasons behind the club's decline.

"We were second best, that's all there is to it," he said. "I have not got a magic wand, I am just a professional trying to get the right habits going. You can see why it is they have been on a losing run recently. It is glaringly obvious. I can't knock them for the effort they put in but that effort must be controlled. It's back to the drawing board."

Surprisingly, Webb brought in Tony Cascarino for his first appearance of the season, a calculated gamble that did not pay off. Cascarino was a redundant figure as Blackburn, without a league win in more than a month, determinedly set about denying Webb and his players what would have been a morale-boosting win.

The opening goal was curious. Newell collected the ball wide on the right in the ninth minute, brushed aside Lee's challenge, glanced up, ignored an unsympathetic angle and clipped the ball over Hitchcock. It may have been a cross, it was a goalkeeping error, but it was no more than Blackburn deserved.

The Chelsea defence was so porous it was remarkable Blackburn did not increase their lead before the interval. For all his assurity of touch, Wegerle was unable to convert any of the numerous chances that came his way.

It was only as half-time neared that Chelsea began to rally, Harford almost stealing an equaliser with a fine lob from distance that Mimms touched behind.

The second half was 15 seconds old when Chelsea's hopes disappeared. Forced back on to the goalline as cover for Hitchcock, who had blocked Wegerle's shot, Sinclair cleared Newell's drive with his hand and was sent off.

Newell drove the penalty over the crossbar but atoned in the 64th minute by scoring his second goal.

Having collected Lee's misjudged backheader, he rounded Hitchcock before steering the ball home in accomplished fashion. Victory put Blackburn fourth but Chelsea know how quickly things can change.

Webb may now want to consider a £100,000 offer for Harford, his former England forward, from Aston Villa. Ron Atkinson, the Villa manager, views Harford, 34, as a short-term replacement for Dalian Atkinson, who faces an operation on a stomach injury that would prevent him playing any further part in Villa's challenge for the championship.

"Mick is very much a part of what we are doing," Webb said. "He is a battler and just the sort of player you want when you are all down in the dumps."

Atkinson, who had made the offer to Porterfield, said: "I'm not sure how things stand now that that David has taken over."

BLACKBURN ROVERS: R Mimms; D May, A Dobson, T Sherwood, C Hendry, K Moran (sub: M Atkins), S Ripley, P Andersson, R Wegerle, M Newell, J Wilcox.
CHELSEA: K Hitchcock; G Hall, F Sinclair, A Townsend, D Lee, A Barness, R Fleck, A Cascarino, M Harford, E Newton (sub: G Stuart), G Le Saux (sub: M Donaghy).
Referee: D Allison.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
A Villa	30	16	8	6	47	31	56
Man Utd	29	15	9	5	44	23	54
Norwich	28	15	6	7	42	42	51
Blackburn	28	12	8	8	42	30	44
QPR	28	12	8	8	39	32	44
Ipswich	29	10	14	5	37	32	44
Sheff Wed	27	11	9	7	37	31	42
Coventry	29	11	9	9	44	40	42
Tottenham	29	11	8	10	36	39	41
Man City	28	11	7	10	40	32	40
Arsenal	27	11	5	11	26	25	38
Chelsea	30	9	10	11	32	38	37
Wimbledon	29	9	9	11	35	36	36
Soton	30	9	9	12	35	37	36
Liverpool	28	9	8	11	38	39	35
Leeds	29	9	8	12	40	45	35
C Palace	29	8	9	12	36	46	33
Everton	29	9	5	15	31	39	32
Middlesbro	29	7	9	13	37	49	30
Notts For	27	7	7	13	29	36	28
Sheff Utd	28	7	7	14	27	38	28
Oldham	29	7	6	15	38	51	27

Top two draw blank

BILLY Bonds and Kevin Keegan, the managers, were satisfied after West Ham United and Newcastle United, the leading sides in the first division, had drawn 0-0 at Upton Park yesterday. Newcastle remain four points clear of West Ham.

"This time last month we were 15 points behind Newcastle and people were saying the title race was over," Bonds, the West Ham manager, said. "But on Saturday so many of our rivals dropped points that I regard this one as a point gained."

Keegan said: "West Ham are probably, along with ourselves, the best team in the division and we must be favourites to go up."

Barry Fry, the Barnet manager, has confirmed that all the club's players are available for transfer.

The leading third division club has been in turmoil this season, the players threatening to strike and the chairman, Stan Flashman, failing to pay the Football League's £50,000 fine imposed for irregularities in payments to players.

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Davis gives glimpse of old authority

FROM PHIL YATES IN ANTWERP

STEVE Davis evoked memories of his heyday in the 1980s when he established a 6-2 lead over Stephen Hendry after the first session of the best-of-19-frame European Open final here yesterday.

Davis has gone 13 months since his last triumph, the 1992 Asian Open, while Hendry captured his fifth successive Benson and Hedges Masters title only eight days ago. Yet, it was Davis who exuded confidence, combining miserly safety play with incisive potting.

A 64 break gave Hendry the opening frame and the Scot also looked likely to force a respotted black in the next when he recovered from a 70-0 deficit with a run of 57. Requiring only pink and black to tie the scores, Hendry surprisingly broke down and eventually went in off.

Davis allowed Hendry to score only 12 points in the following two frames as he moved 3-1 ahead with runs of 65, 43, 65 and 44.

The six-times world champion missed a black off its spot in the fifth and Hendry fought back to trail 3-2. A break of 85 in each of the next two frames enabled Davis to lead 5-2, before he added the closing frame of the session.

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India's batsmen put turning pitch into perspective

Kambli ends England's brief hopes of recovery

FROM PETER BALL IN BOMBAY

Tufnell: turn

Lewis: unlucky

ANY hopes England had harboured that their first-innings recovery presaged a change in fortune were ground into the dust here yesterday. With Vinod Kambli scoring an undefeated 164 on his home ground, India reached the almost unassailable position of 397 for three, a lead of 50, in the third and final Test match.

On this occasion, there can be few excuses. The score tells its own story, putting both England's performance and the wicket into perspective. If the pitch was never as bad as their score of 118 for six on the first day suggested, it is also not the sort of pitch to justify the Indian total.

That they achieved it is to the credit of Kambli, Sachin Tendulkar and Navjot Sidhu, who all batted admirably against the turning ball, giving an object lesson to the England batsmen. "It was a good wicket to bowl spin on, but they are used to playing on turning wickets," Keith Fletcher, the England manager, said.

The Indian batsmen put that knowledge to good use, Kambli batting through the day to claim his first Test century in only his third Test. Having already scored a hundred against England in a one-day international, their early scepticism about his quality is due for revision.

By the close, Kambli had batted for 411 minutes, sharing stands of 65 with Sidhu and 194 with Tendulkar, the latter a record for the Wankhede stadium. He hit 18 fours, most with wristy cuts and forces through the covers, intermingled with flowing drives as he used his feet to the spinners.

For once Tendulkar, his senior partner since school days in Bombay, was overshadowed. He soon had compensation. He, Kambli, and Pravin Amre, the third product of Bombay schools cricket, are to be given flats by the state government.

As the day went on, however, the crowd became restless at the lack of progress. Kambli slowed down after reaching his century and when Tendulkar became almost strokeless, only 31 were added in the first hour after tea. But if the runs ceased to flow, the tactic of building a big lead to avoid having to bat last on a pitch likely to turn more and more was understandable. "I'd be very pleased to be in their position with two days to go," Fletcher said.

Perhaps the most worrying thing for England was that they did not bowl badly, particularly John Emburey and Chris Lewis. They did not help themselves, dropping Kambli at 39 and 119. The first miss could have changed the course of the day and the game.

Tufnell had made the ball turn considerably on his introduction to the attack, and in his second over he had Sidhu taken at silly point as he pushed forward. The following over Emburey persuaded Kambli into a rare misjudgment, skying an attempted big hit to long-off, but DeFreitas misjudged the catch. That would have left India at 178 for three with two new batsmen at the wicket and the England spinners on the offensive.

Instead, Sidhu was to be their only success for nearly four-and-a-half hours, as Kambli and Tendulkar settled down to bat England out of the game.

It was an unhappy day for DeFreitas. His spell with the second new ball was wayward, one over costing 15 and another 14 as Kambli hit him through the off side, and when he retreated to lick his wounds on the boundary he became the target for a variety of missiles. He was eventually forced to exchange places with Gatting after he had been hit on the head by a battery.

Emburey might have been tempted to hit him with something bigger and harder. He has not bowled better on this tour, finding consistent turn and the right line and length, and conceded only two runs an over. But what he did not do was make the ball spit at the batsmen as Chauhan, Raju and Kumble had done, and the less accurate Tufnell also succeeded in doing.

But the outstanding England bowling came not from the spinners, but from Lewis. After tea he beat Tendulkar outside his off stump several times and Kambli on half-a-dozen occasions. One of them should have produced a wicket, but Gooch failed to hang on to an edge from Kambli, having just moved to first slip. It has been that sort of tour for England.

SCOREBOARD FROM BOMBAY

England won toss

ENGLAND: First Innings

		6	4	Min	Balls
*G A Gooch c More b Kapil Dev	4	0	0	27	19
Faint edge to wicketkeeper					
A J Stewart run out	13	0	1	57	43
Mix-up over short single					
M A Atherton c Prabhakar b Kumble	37	0	3	147	113
Mistimed drive to deep mid on					
R A Smith c More b Raju	2	0	0	9	6
Low sharp catch off inside edge and pad					
M W Gatting c Kapil Dev b Raju	23	—	3	39	45
Caught at 1st slip — turning ball to leg					
G A Hick c Kapil Dev b Prabhakar	178	1	20	380	319
Skyed big hit over shoulder of mid-wicket					
+R J Blakey lbw b Kumble	1	0	0	7	11
Beaten in flight					
C C Lewis lbw b Kumble	49	0	5	116	112
Playing back to quicker ball					
J E Emburey c More b Kapil Dev	12	0	2	90	88
Sparring with wide ball					
P A J DeFreitas lbw b Kapil Dev	11	0	2	17	19
Playing half forward					
P C R Tufnell not out	2	0	0	81	40
Extras (b 4, lb 5, w 2, nb 4)	15				
Total (502 min, 135 overs)	347				

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-11 (Stewart 6), 2-25 (Atherton 7), 3-30 (Atherton 9), 4-58 (Atherton 14), 5-116 (Hick 32), 6-118 (Hick 33), 7-211 (Hick 77), 8-262 (Hick 114), 9-279 (Hick 117), 10-347 (Tufnell 2).

BOWLING: Kapil Dev 15-3-35-3 (w 1) (6-2-10-1, 7-1-13-2, 2-0-12-0); Prabhakar 13-2-52-1 (nb 5, w 1) (6-2-14-0, 4-0-30-0, 3-0-8-1); Raju 44-8-102-2 (23-6-53-2, 8-0-19-0, 6-2-8-0, 7-0-22-0); Kumble 40-4-95-3 (8-0-20-0, 10-0-38-2, 12-2-19-1, 4-0-7-0, 4-1-9-0, 2-1-2-0); Chauhan 23-7-54-0 (7-2-25-0, 9-2-18-0, 4-1-10-0, 1-0-1-0, 2-2-0-0).

INTERMEDIATE SCORES: First day: 50: 102min, 28.1 overs. Lunch: 62-4 (Atherton 16, Hick 0, in 31 overs). 100: 158min, 42.2 overs. 150: 213 min, 56.3 overs. Tea: 176-6 (Hick 57, Lewis 34, in 64 overs). 200: 285min, 77.3 overs. Close: 239-7 (Hick 99, Emburey 5, in 99 overs).

Second day: 250: 380min, 104.5 overs. 300: 444min, 119.1 overs. Lunch: 327-9 (Hick 161, Tufnell 0, in 130 overs). New ball taken immediately after lunch. Innings closed at 12.36pm.

Hick: 50: 112min, 79 balls, 7 fours. 100: 251min, 192 balls, 10 fours. 150: 353min, 280 balls, 16 fours.

INDIA: First Innings

		6s	4s	Min	Balls
N S Sidhu c Smith b Tufnell	79	1	12	266	201
Playing forward, low catch at silly point					
M Prabhakar c Blakey b Hick	44	1	4	165	134
Glanced turning ball to leg					
V G Kambli not out	164	0	18	419	299
S R Tendulkar lbw b Tufnell	78	0	10	266	213
Playing back					
*M Azharuddin not out	14	0	2	33	37
Extras (b 4, lb 8, nb 6)	18				
Total (3 wkts, 587min, 146 overs)	397				

P K Amre, Kapil Dev, †K S More, A Kumble, R K Chauhan and S L V Raju to bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-109 (Sidhu 56), 2-174 (Kambli 39), 3-368 (Kambli 149).

BOWLING: DeFreitas 12-3-48-0 (4-2-8-0, 3-0-8-0, 5-1-32-0); Lewis 24-8-47-0 (7-2-12-0, 5-1-14-0, 5-1-13-0, 7-4-8-0); Emburey 51-13-103-0 (13-5-21-0, 5-1-13-0, 7-2-9-0, 7-2-13-0, 5-0-22-0, 7-2-9-0, 7-1-16-0); Tufnell 35-6-111-2 (nb 6) (10-3-28-0, 3-0-4-0, 6-1-27-1, 7-1-12-0, 9-1-40-1): Hick 24-3-76-1 (9-1-41-1, 8-1-19-0, 5-1-12-0, 2-0-4-0).

INTERMEDIATE SCORES: Second day: Tea: 43-0 (Sidhu 19, Prabhakar 20, in 22 overs). 50: 100min, 25.1 overs. 100: 147min, 39.3 overs. Close: 144-1 (Sidhu 69, Kambli 20, in 56 overs). Third day: 150: 232min, 61.1 overs. 200: 98 min, 76.1 overs. New ball taken after 80 overs at 207-2. Lunch: 225-2 (Kambli 63, Tendulkar 24, in 84 overs) 250: 359min, 88.3 overs. 300: 428min, 105.1 overs. Tea: 311-2 (Kambli 119, Tendulkar 52, in 113 overs). 350: 534 mins, 132 overs.

Kambli: 50: 130min, 106 balls, seven fours 100: 228min, 168 balls, 13 fours. 150: 389min, 282 balls, 17 fours.

Umpires: P D Reporter and S Venkataraghavan.

Russell keeps true to his art

England's discarded wicketkeeper is keen to catch up on his Test career reports **Alan Lee**, cricket correspondent

Russell: busy maintaining his standards of excellence on tour in Australia

TWO winters ago, in the Christmas Test match against Australia at Melbourne, Jack Russell equalled the Ashes record of six catches in an innings. Two Tests later, through no fault of his own, the England selectors deemed that the best wicketkeeper in the world was dispensable. Russell's life has not been the same since.

Four times now he has been a victim of circumstances, his class sacrificed for others of unproven or untrusted ability. Richard Blakey, who missed stumping Prabhakar on Saturday in Bombay, could not have expected to play in two Tests against India, even with Alec Stewart as nominated wicketkeeper. The campaigners for real wicketkeeping are enraged, but a trend has been set and will not easily be reversed.

Russell is incongruously distant from the winter's main business in India. As vice-captain of the A team in Australia, a job he is tackling with customary attention to detail, Russell is a senior man on tour. "I have always looked up to Graham Gooch," he said. "I believe in his attitude and his ways. Now, a lot of the younger players here are looking up to me. I enjoy the chance to help and advise."

Although outwardly more relaxed than usual, the fires still burn within this engaging character. His determination is fierce to resume a Test career which should never have been interrupted. "I have to be patient," he said. "That is the hardest part. I keep telling myself that it has happened to other players and that they have come back from it."

Typically maintaining his searching standards Russell is trying to banish his suspicion that the days of the specialist England wicketkeeper are gone. His diet and lifestyle are still, to the average sportsman, eccentrically faddish. He avoids the sun when not playing, drinks gallons of tea but no alcohol, eats a Weetabix for lunch and beans on toast for supper. A more unlikely candidate for prawn poisoning in Madras is impossible to imagine.

"The lads find my ways strange but I stick to my routines because I am frightened of not giving myself the best chance," he said. "It comes down to attitude. I am 29 years old, at my peak physically and mentally. I don't have to be here, I could do something else. But the drug of cricket still hooks me and, sometimes, I think it always will.

"Anyway, I want to beat Bob Taylor's record of first-class dismissals and I'm not half-way there yet."

Russell paid no heed to being linked with the MCC members' revolt against the selectors, but public support does touch him. Oddly, he has felt it most keenly when indulging his other passion, now a lucrative business, painting.

"Just before Christmas I was painting in Holborn," he said. "For a couple of hours I was on an island in the middle of a busy road and maybe a dozen people came across to speak to me and wish me well. That sort of thing means a lot."

Meanwhile, England A's slow batting on the third day of the match against Queensland at Caloundra yesterday was put into perspective by a thrilling 139-run opening stand between Matt Hayden and Trevor Barsby. England had crawled to 287 for nine before Martyn Moxon, who took almost four-and-a-half hours to make 57, declared.

SCOREBOARD

ENGLAND A: First Innings

T C Middleton lbw b Kasprowicz	2
M N Lathwell c Seccombe b Law	0
*M D Moxon c Welham b Law	57
P J Prichard b Bichel	3
G P Thorpe c and b Jackson	45
G D Lloyd b Kasprowicz	30
D J Capel not out	80
†R C Russell c Seccombe b Rackemann	5
D G Cork st Seccombe b Law	4
A R Caddick c Seccombe b Rackemann	16
P M Such not out	0
Extras (b 4, lb 10, w 1, nb 30)	45
Total (9 wkts dec)	287

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-2, 2-2, 3-10, 4-108, 5-157, 6-189, 7-220, 8-227, 9-276.

BOWLING: Kasprowicz 26-5-64-3; Law 21-10-45-3; Bichel 16-2-64-1; Rackemann 11.1-1-26-1; Jackson 25-4-67-1; Welham 1-0-8-0.

QUEENSLAND: First Innings

M L Hayden not out	66
T J Barsby b Caddick	78
W Seccombe not out	2
Extras (lb 3)	3
Total (1 wkt)	148

FALL OF WICKET: 1-139.

P J T Goggin, S G Law, *D M Welham, †D Kingdon, M S Kasprowicz, P W Jackson, A Bichel, C G Rackemann.

BOWLING: Caddick 12-2-54-1; Cork 7-0-32-0; Such 15-3-42-0; Capel 5-0-17-0.

FOR THE RECORD

BASKETBALL

CARLSBERG LEAGUE: Men: First division: Thames Valley Tigers 85 (N Lloyd 28, Scott 15), Guildford Kings 89 (Gordon 22, Miller 18); Birmingham Bullets 90 (Singleton 25, Rucker 23), Stentolon Worthing Bears 91 (Irish 38, Nelson 13, Lewis 13); Cheshire Jets 87 (Thomas 28, Heming 24), Leicester City Riders 72 (Waldron 21, Harris 21); Derby Bucks 101 (Hubbard 26, Mitchell 21), Hemel Hempstead Royals 90 (Nowel 32, Niggli 20). Guildford Kings 85 (Henlan 16, Brown 15), Sunderland Saints 81 (Douglas 25, Puzic 13); London Towers 102 (P Scantlebury 25, R Scantlebury 21), Oldham Celtics 89 (Henderson 28, Fife 27); Proton Manchester Giants 78 (Lloyd 33, Hutcheson 19). Thames Valley Tigers 91 (Lloyd 25, Obaseki 14) Second division: Barnsley Generals 75, Plymouth Raiders 64; Ware Rebels 75, Coventry Crusaders 74 Third division: Chiltern Fastbreak 78, Mid Sussex Magic 55, Guildford 85, Liverpool Atac 69, Stevenage Phoenix 92, South London Elephants 71; Swindon Sonics 106, Sedgefield Racers 81 Women: First division: Cheshire Ladies 77, Leicester Ladies 48; London Central YMCA 76, London Jets 71. Second division: South Tyneside 64, Doncaster 73.

BOXING

OLYMPIA: WBO super-middleweight championship: Chris Eubank (Brighton, holder) bt Lindell Holmes (US), pts. WBC international lightweight championship: Michael Ayres (Islington, holder) bt Danny Myburgh (SA), rsc 5th Featherweight (8 rnds). Tim Driscoll (Bermondsey) bt Derek Amory (Birmingham), pts Middle (8 rnds): Steve Collins (Dublin) bt Ian Strudwick (Hockley), rsc 7th. Light-welter (6 rnds): Mark Tibbs (West Ham) bt Mark Pearce (Cardiff), pts.

MEXICO CITY: WBA super-middleweight championship: Michael Nunn (US, holder) ko Danny Morgan (US), 1st. WBC super-featherweight championship: Azumah Nelson (Gha) bt Gabriel Rueles (US), pts. WBA light-heavyweight championship: Virgil Hill (US, holder) bt Adolpho Washington (US), pts.

CRICKET

VERWOERDBURG: Triangular tournament: Pakistan 220-8 (50 overs) (Aamir Sohail 62, Ramiz Raja 53); South Africa 198-8 (50 overs) Pakistan won by 22 runs.
RED STRIPE CUP: Bridgetown: Barbados 117 and 161-5 (P Wallace 85); Guyana 113. St John's: Leeward Islands 159 and 121-3 (L Harrigan 57); Jamaica 228 (W K M Benjamin 7-64)

CYCLING

ROAD MEXICO '93: Fifth stage (Jalpa to Guadalajara, 159 km): 1, M Arroyo (Mex), 4hr 23min 58sec; 2, E Estrada (Mex), 4:24:37; 3, L Fignon (Fr), 4:24:37 Overall: 1, Fignon, 20.12:28; 2, F Villalobos (Mex), 12.13 33; 3, M Carter (US), 12:13 34
TIME-TRIAL: Ellesmere Port team (25 miles). 1, C Boardman and S Lillistone (N Wirral-Kodak), 53min 15sec; 2, W Randle and J Tanner (Dinnington-Nelson), 53:31; 3, G Butler and M Dogson (RT Italia), 54:22.

GOLF

AGADIR: Moroccan Open: Leading final scores (GB and Ire unless stated) 279: D Gilford, 68, 70, 70, 71 280: J Spence, 67, 69, 72, 72; S Ames (Trin), 70, 72, 68, 72. 284: R Karlsson (Swe), 75, 67, 73, 69. 286: V Fernandez (Arg), 77, 67, 70, 72. 287: W Westner (SA), 70, 71, 73, 73, M Sunesson (Swe), 75, 72, 69, 71. 288: A Johnstone (Zim), 78, 71, 72, 67; C Mason, 76, 69, 71, 72, F Nobilo (NZ), 73, 74, 69, 72. 289: M Mouland, 72, 79, 71, 67. 290: D Smyth, 75, 73, 71, 71 291: R Chapman, 75, 73, 73, 70; A Hunter, 75, 73, 71, 72; D Clarke, 76, 67, 76, 72 292: I Palmer (SA), 75, 74, 74, 69; D Curry, 72, 74, 74, 72; M James, 74, 76, 69, 73; P Mayo, 71, 74, 71, 76 293: C Montgomerie, 73, 77, 73, 70; G Brand Jr, 73, 77, 74, 69; N Godin, 76, 73, 73, 71; S Richardson, 73, 75, 74, 71, S Struver (Ger), 77, 71, 72, 73, J Townsend (US), 72, 70, 78, 73; S Torrance, 74, 72, 75, 72; J Hawkes (SA), 77, 72, 71, 73; P Walton, 77, 72, 70, 74, M-A Martin (Sp), 70, 75, 73, 75; J Parnevik (Swe), 76, 72, 69, 78.
294: A Sherborne, 74, 73, 74, 73: M McLean, 74, 72, 73, 75, J Van De Velde (Fr), 75, 76, 68, 75. 295: S Ballesteros (Sp), 73, 77, 74, 71; A Forsbrand (Swe), 76, 74, 75, 70; C Moody, 77, 74, 72, 72; S Grappasonni (It), 72, 72, 78, 73; E Romero (Arg), 76, 72, 74, 73; P-U Johansson (Swe), 76, 75, 71, 73; A Lebouc (Fr), 72, 77, 70, 76; R McFarlane, 74, 71, 74, 76 296: M Krantz (Swe), 76, 71, 76, 73; R Claydon, 76, 72, 71, 75. 297: P McGinley, 74, 77, 75, 71; P Fulke (Swe), 76, 72, 77, 72; R Drummond, 74, 75, 76, 72, M Roe, 75, 76, 72, 74; M Guzman (Arg), 72, 75, 74, 76, T Pernice (US), 75, 75, 70, 77.
KUALA LUMPUR: Malaysian Open: Leading final scores (US unless stated): 276: G Norquist, 69, 70, 70, 67. 277: V Singh (Fiji), 67, 69, 71, 70. 278: B Jobe, 71, 69, 73, 65; M McNulty (Zim), 71, 72, 67, 68. 279: Kim Jong-duck (S Kor), 67, 72, 70, 70 280: S Flesch, 69, 68, 75, 78: Zaw Moe (Burma), 70, 71, 70, 69, G Webb, 67, 73, 70, 70. British: 282: I Woosnam, 70, 72, 70, 70.
MELBOURNE: Australian Masters: Leading final scores (Aus unless stated): 281: B Hughes, 70, 72, 73, 66; P Senior, 68, 78, 65, 70 (Hughes won at first hole of play-off) 284: T Price, 68, 74, 72, 70 286: C Parry, 67, 79, 69, 70, 286: M Allen, 69, 76, 71, 70. 287: G Norman, 71, 74, 70, 72 288: R Davis, 77, 70, 71, 70, N Price (Zim), 73, 70, 78, 67
LA JOLLA, California: Buick Invitational: Leading third-round scores (US unless stated) 212: D Rummells, 77, 64, 71. 213: P Mickelson, 75, 69, 69, J Haas, 70, 72, 71. P Stewart, 72, 66, 75. 214: C Stadler, 75, 68, 71 215: G Twiggs, 73, 73, 69. L Mattiace, 76, 68, 71; J Sindelar, 77, 68, 70.
MBABANE: Royal Swazi tournament: Leading final scores (South Africa unless stated)' 272: S Pappas, 71, 64, 69, 68. E Els, 71, 68, 66, 67 (Pappas won play-off at first extra hole). 274: N Henning, 71, 68, 71, 64, J Kingston, 71, 68, 70, 65. 275: R Goosen, 68, 70, 70, 67; P van der Riet, 69, 69, 69, 68; C Williams, 69, 69, 69, 68, C Whitelaw, 66, 69, 70, 70; J Bland, 71, 68, 67, 69
HONOLULU: Hawaiian Women's Open: Leading final scores (all US): 210: L Walters, 68, 68, 74. 211: N Lopez, 68, 67, 76. 212: D Mochrie, 70, 72, 70 213: S Redman, 72, 71, 70; T Kerdyk, 70, 70, 73; J Crafter, 73, 68, 74 214: D Coe-Jones, 76, 67, 71

HOCKEY

AFRICA CUP: Nairobi: Final positions: 1, South Africa; 2, Egypt. 3, Kenya, 4, Zimbabwe; 5, Seychelles
INTER-CONTINENTAL CUP: Qualifiers: Pool A: Canada, Cuba, Ireland, South Korea, Malaysia, Spain. Pool B: Argentina, Belgium, France, India, Poland, South Africa (to be played at Poznan, Poland, August 18-29)
VIENNA: European indoor men's club championship: Pool B: Rot Weiss Cologne 8, Oranje Zwart (Holl) 1; Lille 4, St Albans 9; Rot Weiss 14, Lille 4; St Albans 9, Oranje Zwart 8; St Albans 5, Rot Weiss Cologne 8: Oranje Zwart 4, Lille 8 Semi-finals: Limburger (Ger) 8, St Albans 5; Rot Weiss 8, Vienna AC 2. Final: Rot Weiss 4, Vienna AC 3. Third place: Vienna 9, St Albans 5. Other placings: 5, San Pablo Valceluz (Sp) 6, Lille; 7, Grunwald (Pol); 8, Oranje Zwart.
BERLIN: European indoor women's club championship: Pool B: San Sebastian 2, Hightown 9. Final: Berlin 6, Russelsheim 3 Third place: Hightown 4, Western Klick Photopont 2. 5th/6th: Randalstown 4, S'Hertogenbosch 4 (Randalstown won 4-3 on penalty strokes). 7th/8th: San Sebastian 6, Lorenzoni 2.
BASLE, Switzerland: European indoor men's championship: Division B: Final positions: 1, Menzieshill; 2, Slavia Praha (Cz); 3, Basler (Switz), 4, Northop Hall (Wales); 5, Oslo HK; 6, Amit Bucharest.
PIZZA EXPRESS NATIONAL LEAGUE: First division: Bournville 2, Canterbury 3, Cannock 1, Trojans 4, East Grinstead 1, Firebrands 2; Havant 5, Surbiton 0, Hounslow 2, Bromley 0; Old Loughtonians 4, Stourport 1; Southgate 1, Teddington 1: Welton 2, Neston 1. Postponed: St Albans v Slough. Second division: Breen 0, Beeston 1: Brooklands 2, Chelmsford 0; Cambridge City 0, Doncaster 2; Cheltenham 1, Reading 2; Guildford 2, Isca 1; Harborne 1, Barford Tigers 0; Indian Gymkhana 5, Richmond 2: Lyons 2, Harleston Magpies 3; Old Kingstonians 0, Warrington 1.
ERNST AND YOUNG NORTH PREMIER LEAGUE: First division: Alderley Edge 2, Sheffield 1; Durham University 0, Hightown-Northern 2; Formby 2, Ben Rhydding 3; Timperley 0, Norton 1: York 1, Wakefield 2. Second division: Halifax 0, Liverpool Sefton 2; Knutsford 3, Preston 3: Springfields 1, Blackburn 1; Southport 1, Sheffield Bankers 0; Stockton 3, Bowdon 2; Sunderland 0, Ramgarhia 2; Swalwell 0, Harrogate 2; Wigan 4, Disley 1.
ERNST AND YOUNG MIDLAND LEAGUE: Premier division: Bridgnorth 0, Worcester Norton 0; Edgbaston 3, Belper 2; Hampton in Arden 3, Derby 2; Khalsa 0, Coventry and North Warwickshire 3; Olton and West Warwickshire 1, Leicester Westleigh 0.
NORWICH UNION EAST LEAGUE: Premier division: Bishop's Stortford 3, Stevenage 0; Cambridge Univ 4, Redbridge and Ilford 0, Colchester 4, Broxbourne 0, Crostyx 3, Blueharts 0; Ipswich 6, Westcliff 0; Pelicans 1, Bury St Edmunds 3; Peterborough 5, Wisbech 1: West Herts 1, Dereham 3.
PERONI SOUTH LEAGUE: Premier League: Division A: Hampstead and Westminster 5, Old Tauntonians 0. Division B: Gore Court 3, Dulwich 1, Marden Russets 4, Woking 2. Regionals: Hampshire and Surrey: Basingstoke 3, Lensbury 0, Pirelli 2, Met Police 1. Kent and Sussex: Gravesend 3, Midland Bank 2; Brighton 4, Rochester and Gillingham 1; Greenwich 3, Old Holcombeians 3; Lewes 3, Bognor 0
SUN LIFE WEST LEAGUE: Premier division: Gloucester 5, Weston-super-Mare 0, Hereford 3, Marlborough 0; Plymouth 3, Bristol 0
SENIOR WOMEN'S CLUBS: Cambridge City 1, Pelicans 1; Cambridge Univ 1, Bishop's Stortford 0; Horsham 1, Trojans 5; Ipswich 3, Ealing 3, Leicester 1, Harleston Magpies 0, Loughborough Ladies 1, Redditch 1, Newtown 1, Buckley 1; North Staffs 2, Great Harwood 7; Olton WW 1, Leicester Westleigh 0, Pickwick 1, Bradford 1, St Albans 4, Copdock 0, Redland 5, Reading 1 A 0; Sherwood 1, Hampton 0; Woking 0, Bracknell 1, Wimbledon 4, Worthing 0.

ICE HOCKEY

NATIONAL HOCKEY LEAGUE (NHL). Toronto Maple Leafs 4, Boston Bruins 4 (OT); New York Rangers 6, San Jose Sharks 4; Vancouver Canucks 4, Winnipeg Jets 2; Montreal Canadiens 5, Ottawa Senators 4; Quebec Nordiques 5, Tampa Bay Lightning 2, New York Islanders 4, Pittsburgh Penguins 2: Minnesota North Stars 5, Philadelphia Flyers 2, Hartford Whalers 7, Edmonton Oilers 3; Washington Capitals 7, Los Angeles Kings 3.
HEINEKEN NATTIONAL LEAGUE: Premier division: Cardiff Devils 4, Bracknell Bees 4; Humberside Seahawks 8, Murrayfield Racers 8; Nottingham Panthers 8, Fife Flyers 2. First division: Basingstoke Beavers 6, Telford Tigers 4, Medway Bears 13, Lee Valley Lions 6, Slough Jets 4, Romford Raiders 7; Swindon Wildcats 3, Sheffield Steelers 7.

ROWING

HENLEY SCHOOLS HEAD OF THE RIVER: Eights: Open: Westminster, 10min 16sec. Second eights: St Edwards, 10:33. Junior 16: Pangbourne, 10:56. Junior 15: Westminster, 11:28. Women's school: Bryanston 13:09. Coxed Fours: Open: St Edwards, 11:13. School novice: Eastbourne, 13.30. Junior 16: equal 1, Abingdon and Bedford, 12:54. Junior 15: Kingston GS, 13:33. Junior 14 Quad: Sir William Borlase, 13:15. Women's school: Strodes, 14:51. Women's novice: Eastbourne, 15:36. Women's junior 16: St Georges, 16:47

RUGBY LEAGUE

Stones Bitter Championship
First division

HULL 21 ST HELENS 16
Hull: Tries: Dannatt, A Jackson, Turner. Goals: Smirk (4) Dropped goal: Smirk. St Helens: Tries: Joynt, Nickle, Ropati Goals: Loughlin (2). Att: 4,271.

WAKEFIELD 18 WIDNES 36
Wakefield: Tries: Benson, Price, Wright. Goals: Sims (3). Widnes: Tries: Moriarty (2), Davies, Devereux, Howard, McCurrie, Spruce. Goals: Davies (4). Att: 4,330.

WARRINGTON 23 CASTLEFORD 18
Warrington: Tries: Bateman, Ellis, Jackson, Kenyon Goals: Rudd (3). Dropped goal: Ellis. Castleford: Tries: Anderson, Boothroyd, Ford. Goals: Crooks (3). Att: 3,790.

WIGAN 30 HALIFAX 14
Wigan: Tries: Edwards (2), Offiah (2), Farrar. Goals: Botica (5). Halifax: Tries: Bailey, Bentley, Bishop. Goal: Bishop. Att: 15,538.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Wigan	17	14	0	3	474	214	28
St Helens	19	14	0	5	445	248	28
Widnes	18	11	0	7	402	266	22
Castleford	18	10	1	7	376	255	21
Leeds	17	9	1	7	405	316	19
Bradford	16	9	0	7	340	304	18
Halifax	17	9	0	8	343	328	18
Hull	20	9	0	11	285	379	18
Warrington	19	8	1	10	318	290	17
Sheffield	19	8	0	11	304	414	16
Wakefield	20	7	1	12	312	404	15
Salford	19	7	0	12	333	503	14
Leigh	20	6	2	12	263	472	14
Hull KR	19	5	0	14	227	435	10

Second division

Huddersfield	12	Rochdale	17
London Crus	20	Bramley	12
Oldham	58	Carlisle	16
Swinton	12	Featherstone	42

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Featherstone	20	18	0	2	664	242	36
Oldham	20	16	0	4	571	332	32
Rochdale	19	10	0	9	383	390	20
Huddersfield	18	9	0	9	346	381	18
London Crus	20	8	1	11	352	406	17
Bramley	20	6	1	13	279	440	13
Carlisle	19	5	2	12	323	485	12
Swinton	20	4	0	16	259	501	8

Third division

Batley	16	Whitehaven	20
Highfield	16	Doncaster	60
Keighley	78	Chorley	6
Nottingham	4	Hunslet	76
Ryedale York	56	Blackpool	6
Workington	33	Dewsbury	7

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Workington	18	14	0	4	603	170	28
Dewsbury	18	14	0	4	462	207	28
Keighley	16	13	0	3	539	166	26
Ryedale York	18	13	0	5	614	242	26
Whitehaven	18	13	0	5	522	229	26
Doncaster	18	11	0	7	442	301	22
Batley	16	11	0	5	290	167	22
Hunslet	16	11	0	5	385	275	22
Barrow	20	4	0	16	360	533	8
Blackpool	17	4	0	13	245	519	8
Chorley	19	3	0	16	214	668	6
Highfield	15	1	0	14	179	669	2
Nottingham	17	1	0	16	106	845	2

YOUNGERS ALLIANCE CHALLENGE CUP: Quarter-finals: Ryedale-York 22, Hull 30, Warrington 19, Wigan 30

RUGBY UNION

Five nations' championship

IRELAND 6 FRANCE 21
Ireland: Pens: Malone (2). France: Tries: Saint-Andre, Sella. Con: Camberabero Pens: Camberabero (2) Dropped goal: Camberabero.

SCOTLAND 20 WALES 0
Scotland: Try: Turnbull. Pens: Hastings (5).

ADT County Championship
Semi-finals

CORNWALL 3 YORKSHIRE 20
Cornwall: Pen: Chapman. Yorkshire: Tries: Crowley, Tipping Cons: Liley (2). Pens: Liley (2).

LANCASHIRE 17 MIDDLESEX 11
Lancashire: Try: Hamer. Pens: Ainscough (4). Middlesex: Try: Tarbuck Pens: Challinor (2).

Club matches

Abertillery	12	London Welsh	34
Blackheath	13	Askeans	20
Broughton Park	20	Lichfield	17
Cambridge Univ	53	Vale of Lune	3
Harlequins	83	Leeds	12
London Irish	19	Richmond	18
London Scottish	25	Rugby	37
Met Police	13	Cheltenham	6
Newcastle G	39	Sheffield	5
Northampton	21	Coventry	26
Nottingham	17	Rosslyn Park	15
Nuneaton	18	Leicester	61
Otley	20	Hartlepool	8
Plymouth	16	Camborne	24
Saracens	24	Moseley	41
Wasps	48	Sale	10
Waterloo	13	Preston G	5
W Hartlepool	27	Bedford	14

ADT UNDER-21 COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP: Semi-final: Buckinghamshire 21, Yorkshire 12.
LONDON AND SOUTH EAST: CLOB Merit Table: Old Dunstonians 8, KCS Old Boys 8. Fullers Brewery Herts Merit Table: Hitchin 50, Royston 8. Fullers Brewery Middlesex Merit Table: Finchley 12, Mill Hill 13; Staines 23, Old Meadonians 3.
Seven Counties Merit Table: Sidcup 20, US Portsmouth 7; Southend 22, Upper Clapton 10: Sutton and Epsom 19, Maidstone 15.
CLUB MATCHES: Portabello FP 24, Llandaff North 20; Melrose 20, Peebles 10; Grangemouth 28, Llandybie 19; Stirling County 24, Llandovery 10; Clarkston 3, Glasgow High/Kelvinside 27; Bath 79, Swansea 3; Hawick 3, Crawshay's XV 66; Ayr 25, Cardiff 55; Boroughmuir 31, Llanelli 38: Kelso 59, Heriot's FP 14; Ebbw Vale 7, Pontypool 61; Kilmarnock 59, Cartha Queen's Park 3, Strathmore 10, Birchgrove 20; Glenrothes 30, Perthshire 0; Ardrossan Academicals 5, Paisley 13. Postponed: Gloucester v Pontypridd.

SNOOKER

EUROPEAN LEAGUE: Augsburg: J Wattana (Thai) drew with J Parrott (Eng), 4-4; J White (Eng) bt A McManus (Scot), 5-3; White bt Wattana, 5-3.
EUROPEAN OPEN: Antwerp: Semi-final: S Davis (Eng) bt A Hicks (Eng), 6-1.

SQUASH

CARDIFF: Leekes Welsh Classic: Men: Quarter-finals: Jansher Khan (Pak) bt R Eyles (Aus), 13-15, 15-11, 15-13, 15-10; B Martin (Aus) bt S Elopuro (Fin), 15-6, 15-6, 15-11. Semi-final: Jansher Khan bt Martin, 15-11, 15-6, 15-5. Women: Quarter-finals: M Martin (Aus) bt S Horner (Eng), 15-10, 9-15, 17-16, 15-11; L Irving (Aus) bt S FitzGerald (Aus), 15-13, 6-15, 15-11, 15-10 Semi-final: L Irving (Aus) bt M Martin (Aus), 15-12, 13-15, 15-12, 7-15, 15-9.

SWIMMING

MILAN: World Cup: Seventh round: Saturday: Men: 100m freestyle: 1, A Popov (Russ), 48 68; 2, B Zikarsky (Ger), 49.22, 3, M Foster (GB), 49.28; 5, M Carl (GB), 50.53. 400m freestyle: 1, E Sadovyi (Russ), 3:47.56; 2, S Zesner (Ger), 3:48 06. 100m backstroke: 1, V Selkov (Russ), 53.16. 50m breaststroke: 1, V Ivanov (Russ), 27.39; 2, D Volkov (Russ), 27 67. 200m breaststroke: 1, C Penicaud (Fr), 2:12.37. 50m butterfly: 1, J Karlsson (Swe), 23 97; 2, M Foster (GB), 24.26. 200m butterfly: 1, D Loader (NZ), 1:54.82; 2, D Pankratov (Russ), 1:57.04. 400m medley: 1, L Sacchi (It), 4:12.08: 4, G Robins (GB), 4:25.08. Women: 50m freestyle: 1, E Ermakova (Kakhaks), 25.14; 2, I de Bruijn (Holl), 25.96. 200m freestyle: 1, M Moravcova (Cz), 2:00.39; 2, S Osygus (Ger), 2:00.44. 1km: 1, O Splichalova (Cz), 10:47.71. 50m backstroke: 1, S Völker (Ger), 28.88. 200m backstroke: 1, F Salvalajo (It), 2:12.05 100m butterfly: 1, I Tocchini (It), 1:00.69 100m breaststroke: 1, H Xiaomin (China), 1:07.99; 2, A Peczak (Pol), 1:09.25. 200m medley: 1, L Lin (China), 2:13.54. Yesterday: 50m freestyle: 1, Foster, 22.10sec; 2, Popov, 22.40; 6, M Carl (GB), 23 17. 200m freestyle: 1, A Holmertz (Swe), 1:46.82. 1km: 1, E Sadovyi (Russ), 9:59.19; 2, S Zesner (Ger), 9:59.45. 50m backstroke: 1, Selkov, 24.88. 200m backstroke: 1, Selkov, 1.55.23. 100m breaststroke: 1, Ivanov, 1:00.68; 2, Volkov, 1:00 69. 100m butterfly: 1, Pankratov, 53.26; 2, Loader, 53.46. 200m medley: 1, Sacchi, 2:00.20. Women: 100m freestyle: 1, Ermakova, 54.78sec; 2, Osygus, 55.87. 400m freestyle: 1, O Splichalova (Cz), 4:09.50. 100m backstroke: 1, N Iwata (Japan), 1:02.13. 50m breaststroke: 1, H Xiaomin (China), 31.40; 4, Z Baker (GB), 32.87; 8, L Rogers (GB), 34.05. 200m breaststroke: 1, Xiaomin, 2:27.27. 50m butterfly: 1, I de Bruijn (Neth), 27.28. 200m butterfly: 1, M Haruna (Japan), 2:11.21. 100m medley: 1, Lin, 1:02.97. 400m medley: 1, Lin, 4:42 66.

TABLE TENNIS

SCOTTISH NATIONAL LEAGUE: First division: Sliga Greenock 9, Crosshouse Electrics 1; Murrayfield 0, Tunnocks Redwood 10; Dumbarton 9, General Accident 1: Second division: Penicuik Sports 4, Eastbank 6. OSCC 10, Torbex Engineering 0.

TENNIS

STUTTGART: Men's tournament: Final: M Stich (Ger) bt R Krajicek (Holl), 4-6, 7-5, 7-6, 3-6, 7-5.
PHILADELPHIA: Men's tournament: Quarter-finals: M Woodforde (Aus) bt M Chang (US), 6-3, 6-4; D Rostagno (US) bt A Mansdorf (Isr), 6-4, 6-3. Semi-finals: Woodforde bt Rostagno, 7-5, 7-5; I Lendl (US) bt P Sampras (US), 7-6, 6-4
OKLAHOMA CITY: Women's tournament: Quarter-finals: N Provis (Aus) bt L Harvey-Wild (US), 7-5, 7-5; T Whitlinger (US) bt L Ferrando (It), 6-3, 7-6 Semi-finals: Z Garrison (US) bt Provis, 6-4, 6-3; P Fendick (US) bt Whitlinger, 5-7, 6-3, 6-3.
PARIS: Women's tournament: Quarter-finals: M Navratilova (US) bt J Halard (Fr), 6-0, 6-2: M Seles (Yug) bt M Pierce (Fr), 6-2, 6-2. Semi-finals: Navratilova bt J Novotna (Cz) 6-1, 6-2: Seles bt C Martinez (Sp), 6-1, 6-1 Final: Navratilova bt Seles, 6-3, 4-6, 7-6. Doubles final: Novotna and A Strnadova (Cz) bt J Durie (GB) and C Suire (Fr), 7-6, 6-2.
HULL: LTA Winter Series: Finals: Men: B Cowan (Lancashire) bt A Kershaw (Durham and Cleveland), 6-1, 6-3. Women: C Billingham (Oxfordshire) bt J Ward (Durham and Cleveland), 6-2, 6-2.
BRAMHALL: LTA satellite tournament: Men's final: F Cousin (Fr) bt M Petchey (Essex), 6-3, 6-3.

VOLLEYBALL

ROYAL BANK OF SCOTLAND CUP: Semi-finals: Men: Wessex 0, Mizuno Lewisham 3 (13-15, 6-15, 10-15); KLEA Leeds 3, Reebok Liverpool 0 (15-7, 15-8, 15-12) Women: Woolwich Brixton 3, Ashcombe Dorking 1 (15-8, 15-9, 13-15, 15-9); Britannia Music Hackney 0, Sale 3 (6-15, 14-16, 11-15).
ROYAL BANK SCOTTISH CUP: Semi-finals: Men: West Coast 2, Jets 3 (7-15, 8-15, 15-5, 15-9, 10-15); SU Ragazzi 3, Coatbridge 1 (15-3, 15-5, 14-16, 15-6). Women: Glasgow Powerhouse 3, Jets 1 (14-16, 17-15, 15-11, 15-9): Streamline Hazlehead 0. Team Components Bureau 3 (12-15, 4-15, 6-15).

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POINT-TO-POINT RESULTS

ESSEX FARMERS & UNION (Marks Tey): Hunt: 1, O Catina (T Moore, 6-1), 2, Run Token; 3, Granyte Palace. 6 ran. Confined: 1, Old Dundalk (N King, 3-1); 2, Richard Hunt, 3, True Dowry 14 ran. Ladies. 1, Rusty Law (Miss K Ellis, 14-1); 2, Maltby Boy; 3, Outside Edge. 13 ran. Open: 1, Carl's Choice (G Cooper, 1-5 fav); 2, York Royal. 3, Roars Of Applause 5 ran. Rest I: 1. Melton Park (N Bloom, 3-1); 2, Hyperwash; 3, Cardinal Black, 16 ran. Rest II: 1, Matchstick Charlie (Miss A Embiricos, 5-2 Co fav); 2, Cardinal Richelieu; 3, The Hoborian, 11 ran. Mdn I: 1, Steam Packet (S Cowell, Evens fav); 2, Beau Seigneur; 3, Copper Thistle (fre). 8 ran Mdn II: 1, Ravens Hasey Moon (N Bloom, 7-2); 2, Druid's Lodge; 3, Muck Or Money. 11 ran.
LANARKS & RENFREW (Bogside): Hunt: 1, Crooked Streak (J Shearer, 2-5 fav); 2, Torridon; only 2 fin. 2 ran. Confined: 1, Run Leah Run (M Dun, 4-5 fav). 2, Hill Ryde; 3, Tudorfield Girl, 11 ran. Rest: 1, Garcall (G Robinson, 13-8 Jt fav); 2, Fils Du Parc; 3, Macmurphy. 14 ran. Ladies: 1, Agathist (Mrs C McClymont, 4-7 fav); 2, Linn Falls; 3, Juniors Choice. 10 ran. Open: 1, Randolph Place (I Stark, 2-5 fav); 2, Gunmetal Boy; 3, Palmahalm 5 ran, Mdn: 1, Royal Brig (K Anderson, 6-4 fav); 2, King Spring; 3, The Pride Of Pokey 18 ran
LINCS UNITED HUNT CLUB (Market Rasen): Hunt: 1, Regardless (Mrs J Dawson, 5-4 fav), 2, Sea Arrow; 3, Portglenam. 10 ran. Confined: 1, York Imperial (P Gee, 2-1 fav); 2, Joestone; 3, Teacake. 13 ran. Open Mdn I: 1. The Right Kind (S R Andrews, 7-2 fav); 2, Prospecting; 3, Lordy. 14 ran. Rest: 1, Woodhay Hill (A Sansome, 2-1). 2, Preset; 3, Stelzer. 8 ran. Open Mdn II: 1, Bowery Boy (C Bealby, 10-1); 2, Zeniska, 3, Trefelyn Gold. 10 ran PPOA: 1. Cawkwell Tom (S R Andrews, 5-4 fav): 2, John Corbet; 3, Harvest Blues. 14 ran. Open Mdn III. 1, Magic Whip (Mrs J Brown, 5-2); 2, White Bullet; 3, Golden Chalice 10 ran.
SOUTH DURHAM (Great Stainton): Hunt: 1, Heather Moth (Miss S Dent, 4-1); 2, Carole's Delight; 3, Alaskan Goodwill 6 ran. Confined: 1. Centre Attraction (Miss Y Bedingham, 50-1); 2, Wild Child; 3, Papes Surprise 14 ran Open: 1, Ventard (P Atkinson, 8-1); 2, Level Quay: only 2 fin. 7 ran. Ladies: 1, Walongo (Miss R Clark, 7-4 fav): 2, Music Be Magic; 3, Willie Butt, 14 ran. Inter: 1, Wencesles (N Hargreave, 7-1): 2, Dreamago, 3, Sherwood Hope. 14 ran Open Mdn I: 1. Queen's Chaplain (C Wilson, 8-1), 2 Le Joueur; 3, Hydropic. 15 ran. Open Mdn (Div II part I) 1, Go Silly (Miss S Williamson, 8-1); 2, The Right Guy; 3, Lawnswood Boy. 11 ran. Open Mdn (Div II part II): 1, President Freddie (R Ford, 6-4 fav); 2, Mell Time; 3, Another Red. 10 ran.
SOUTH POOL HARRIERS (Ottery St Mary): Hunt: 1, Buck's Mill (K Heard, 3-1); 2, Buckoak; 3, Miss Moony. 5 ran. Open: 1, Beltane The Smith (N Legg, 11-2); 2, Music Minstrel; 3, Ben Clova. 14 ran. Confined: 1, Garden Centre Boy (B Heffernan, 7-2); 2, Little Might, 3, Progressive. 6 ran. Ladies: 1, Khattal (Miss J Cumings, 4-5 fav); 2, Oriental Plume; 3, Corston Lad. 11 ran. Rest I: 1, Devonia (E Bailey, 20-1): 2, Tumbled Bride; 3, Blue-Bird Express. 11 ran. Rest (Div II); 1, Vintage Velvet (W G Turner, 3-1); 2, High Duke, 3, Seals Rock. 14 ran. Mdn; 1, Mystic Monkey (D Stephens, 15-8 fav); 2, Blazing Express; 3, Christmas Bash 10 ran.
UNITED SERVICES (Larkhill): Confined: 1, See More Indians (J Farthing, 9-4), 2, Indian Knight; 3, Spitfire Jubilee 13 ran. Hunt: 1, Friendly Henry (S Monks, 9-1); 2, Sheer Steel; 3, Royal Harbour. 8 ran Mixed Open I: 1, Hurry Up Henry (Miss A Harwood, Evens fav); 2, Impy Condor; 3, Speedy Boy. 11 ran. Mixed Open II: 1, Mr Diplomatic (J Farthing, 14-1); 2, Ruby Flame; 3, Wellington Brown. 14 ran. Open Mdn I: 1, Mr Golightly (Miss J Cobden, 14-1). 2, Prince Of Verona; 3, Gladys Emmanuel. 18 ran. Open Mdn (Div II part I): 1, Holland House (M Portman, 1-2 fav), 2, Trundle; 3, Algaihabane. 11 ran. Open Mdn (Div II part II): 1, Suny Dancer (S Sweeting, 14-1): 2, Lewesdon Hill, 3, Wayward Sailor. 10 ran
WEST SHROPSHIRE (Weston Park): Hunt: 1, Bodfari (R Jones, 6-4); 2, Josseclown; 3, Foxy Blue. 8 ran. Confined: 1, Call Me Citizen (A Crow, 4-5 fav); 2, Mayannoor; 3, Pajaro Prince. 16 ran. Open I: 1, Toureen Prince (Julian Pritchard, 1-2 fav); 2, Equity Player; 3, Local Customer. 18 ran. Open II. 1, Young Warrior (S de Burgh, 7-1); 2, Abbrevation, 3, Spartan Chief. 19 ran. Ladies: 1, Lord Mustard (Miss H McCaull, 6-1); 2, Beltalong; 3, Side Brace 22 ran. Restricted (Div I part I). 1, River Melody (A Crow, 4-1); 2, Royle Burchlin; 3, Northern Quay. 11 ran. Restricted (Div I part II): 1, Welsh Legion (M Wilson, 7-4); 2, Glitche Gumme; 3, Moydrum Prince. 10 ran. Restricted (Div II: 1, Freddy Freckles (A Crow, 4-1 fav); 2, Christian, 3, Kings Thyne. 18 ran. Mdn I: 1, Freddie Fox (T Garton, 6-1); 2, Whatagale; 3, Gutting Gray. 14 ran Mdn II: 1, Rockaway Run (Miss H Callow, 6-4 Jt fav), 2, Moorside Lad; 3, Hayble 12 ran.

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Eubank must fight worthy opponent to bring back public

Eubank: poor draw

BY SRIKUMAR SEN
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THE love affair between Chris Eubank and the public could be over. Only around 4,000, including a large number of complimentary ticket-holders, saw him outpoint Lindell Holmes at Olympia on Saturday. A crowd of 8,000 had been expected.

ITV figures are also expected to show a drop from the 13 million Eubank drew last time out. He may be good television but he is not always good boxing and if the big fight is to rival *Match of the Day*, sport and not a cabaret turn must be put before the viewers.

Championship boxing must be competitive. This one was not. There was never any doubt about the outcome even though, Holmes, 35, put up a better show than was expected of him. But the bout was a procession of rounds in Eubank's favour. On one judge's card, he did not lose a round.

Although most ringsiders thought Holmes took two and drew one, he looked more like what is known in the trade as "an opponent" than a challenger. His reflexes were not sharp and by the sixth, when Eubank's body punches started to find their mark, he looked the tired old campaigner that he was.

The message from the punters has certainly got home to Barry Hearn, the promoter, and ITV sport high-ups, being a little alarmed by bad reviews, will no doubt have a word with him. Hearn said he had approached the promoters of the leading men in the division — Michael Nunn, the World Boxing Association champion, and James Toney, the International Boxing Federation title-holder — and they had turned down Eubank.

Four others are under consideration as Eubank's next opponent. Darrin Van Horn, a former champion, if he can get out of his bout with Toney; Iran Barkley, who has just been stopped by Toney and cannot box in Britain because he has had retina operations; the old campaigner, Roberto Duran, who is in his 40s; and Steve Collins, of Dublin.

Collins is the most likely opponent. The Irishman, a Hearn boxer, is very experienced but only a middleweight and does not hit hard enough to trouble Eubank.

"Nunn doesn't want to fight Eubank and, for Toney, Bob Arum said Eubank won't sell on pay-per-view," Hearn said. "They all said Eubank is too awkward but I will speak to them again. Tell me, who do I get? You tell me." The name of Tim Littles, the exciting young American, was mentioned but Hearn, not surprisingly, did not react positively.

Littles and Nunn are perfect opponents for Eubank. They are big enough names to draw a crowd and their styles are made for Eubank's big right hand. Above all, they would keep Eubank working for the full three minutes of every round, particularly Littles.

Eubank, who appeared at times to pull back from full-blooded assaults on Holmes, thought the challenger had been a good opponent. "He gave a very good performance," he said. "He's a very underrated fighter, a very hard puncher and a very dangerous opponent."

It is just as well that Eubank did not meet Holmes five years ago. But that would never have happened because Eubank would have avoided him.

RUGBY LEAGUE

Wigan on top thanks to Hull

Hull 21
St Helens 16

BY A CORRESPONDENT

DEFEAT by a Hull side depleted by injury and having suffered six successive defeats dashed St Helens' aspirations of the Stones Bitter championship and left Wigan to assume the leadership.

It has not been a good week for St Helens. Like Hull, they had suffered a midweek defeat and they took the field yesterday with a threat of disciplinary measures for off-the-field misdemeanours.

Hull showed more fire and application as St Helens, with the strong wind at their backs in the first half, tended to overindulge in tactical kicking. Hull found it easy to run through the St Helens defence and a purposeful kick and chase by Nolan, the Hull centre, exposed Shane Cooper's loss of form. A high tackle on Sharp brought the opening point, a penalty for Smirk, making his first appearance of the season.

On the half-hour, a move that covered three-quarters of the field, started by intelligent passing from Smirk and Nolan and carried on by Grant, brought Hull their first try.

Hull's 6-0 lead at half-time became 14-0 with a penalty from Smirk and a converted try for Dannatt.

However, St Helens began to enjoy territorial advantage for the first time in the game. They scored through Nickle, who had always looked dangerous in the second row, and Loughlin's goal gave them further heart.

A high tackle by O'Donnell on Walker interrupted the flow and Hull profited with a try from Jackson after good approach work by Gay. Smirk's third goal took Hull clear at 20-6, only for tries from Ropati and Joynt, the first converted by Loughlin, to give the scoreline an unrepresentative look. A dropped goal from Smirk was Hull's late contribution.

St Helens' defeat allowed Wigan, 30-14 winners against Halifax, to move level on points at the top but with two games in hand. Offiah and Edwards each scored two tries for Wigan.

Nigel Heslop, the former England rugby union wing, scored two tries on his professional debut in Oldham's 56-16 victory against Carlisle.

SCORERS: Hull: Tries: Turner, Dannatt, Jackson. Goals: Smirk (4). Dropped goal: Smirk. St Helens: Tries: Nickle, Ropati, Joynt. Goals: Loughlin (2).
HULL: R Gay; N Turner, J Grant, G Nolan, A Mighty; R Nolan, T Smirk; M Jones (rep: A Dannatt; rep: Marlow), M Dixon, I Marlow (rep: R Walker), A Jackson (rep: A Dannatt), S McNamara, J Sharp.
ST HELENS: D Lyon, M Riley, G Connolly, P Loughlin, I Quirk; T Ropati, S Cooper; R Cowan (rep: J Harrison), B Dwyer (rep: P Veivers), G Mann, J Harrison (rep: A O'Donnell), S Nickle, C Joynt.
Referee: R Smith (Castleford).

Lack of funds and indifferent audiences fail to halt the growing popularity of women's football in England

Belles make sound case for no-frills approach

David Powell assesses the state of women's football in England as the Olympic movement considers embracing the sport in Atlanta

The heat and humidity of Atlanta, where the 1996 Olympic Games will be held, seemed far removed yesterday from Armthorpe Miners Welfare football ground, where biting northern winds moved at speed across the pitch. But there is a link between Armthorpe and Atlanta — or there may be if the initiative by Fifa to press for women's football to be included on the Atlanta Olympic programme comes to fruition.

Armthorpe is the home of the Doncaster Belles women's football club, from which Britain would draw heavily for an Olympic tournament. Yesterday, according to the programme, was "the most important home league game the Belles have ever played".

The visitors were Arsenal, up from London in their luxury coach, one which came complete with frilly lampshades on nice tables set between comfy seats. Outside there were no frills, only thrills and spills. Armthorpe, where the local coal pit faces closure, is not a frilly place.

Arsenal arrived with 12 victories from 12 matches this season in the national league premier division, but lost 2-0. With two second half goals, Belles recorded their ninth win out of nine. Perhaps the women's game should call it the Premier League. They would probably call it anything for money.

On Friday, Bass announced a £12 million sponsorship for the men's Premier League. The women's national league is surviving on £25,000 from the Football Trust and £40,000 from the Sports Council. It has no sponsorship. "When you see all that money going into men's football, it's upsetting," Linda Whitehead, the Women's Football Association (WFA) secretary, said.

The top English women are excited about going to the Olympics. The trouble is that Britain would probably not qualify for the eight-team tournament proposed last Tuesday by Sepp Blatter, the Fifa chief executive, even if they could come to an arrangement over how their team would be picked.

England are the strongest of the home nations but their reputation in Europe is slipping. In 1984, they reached the European championship final but lost in the semi-finals in the next one and in the quarters in the one after.

Whitehead blames lack of finance, which she had hoped would follow now that the women's game is worth watching. "The majority of our supporters are men," Robert Kantecki, the Doncaster chairman, said. "They used to come to make jokes about watching the players swap shirts but now they appreciate the football they are seeing."

Money can buy success, as the United States found out. They are the World Cup holders, winning the tournament after spending five months on tour. No such luxuries for the England team: two days at Lilleshall before international matches is all it can afford.

A merger with the Football Association beckons but Gillian Coultard, the Doncaster and England captain, said: "The one thing I am sceptical about is that the lesser clubs in the little leagues might get left behind. On the international front it could be a good thing because the FA can pull strings."

HUGH ROUTLEDGE
Crossing point: Michelle Curley, left, of Arsenal, swings the ball in ahead of Doncaster's Ann Lisseman at Armthorpe yesterday

It was Coultard's goal yesterday that left Arsenal reeling. It was a cracking goal, hit on the volley from outside the area after almost an hour of resistance by Arsenal. Anyone who thinks women players are not serious should have seen the celebration: Coultard disappeared behind the scrum of cuddles. But it was not until the ninetieth minute that Karen Walker put the game beyond doubt with another shot struck from outside the area.

In a heated moment the referee had to tell Arsenal: "Calm it down". And he had to repeat himself. Not that it was a dirty match. Just competitive.

That is as far as their professionalism goes. There is no pay, not like in Italy. Though the money that goes from club to player is called expenses, earnings can reach £30,000 a season. Kerry Davis, who played in the Italian league but is now with Knowsley United in the English premier division, said: "A lot of nations are under their [men's] FA and they get the same help as the men's team."

The women's game in England is growing in number, if not in standard. There are 12,000 players and 450 clubs in England and Wales, up 62 per cent in the last three years. The first surge of interest came after the England men won the World Cup in 1966; the second came after they reached the semi-finals in 1990.

The courtship now between the FA and WFA — and their impending marriage — is a far cry from 1921, when the men's body outlawed the women's game. Although first played in Scotland in the 1880s, it became popular in England during the first world war as a means of raising money for charity.

One Boxing day, 52,000 were drawn to Everton to see Dick Kerr's Ladies play St Helens. It took 50 years for the FA to rescind the ban. Now there is a lot of catching up to do.

Reading secure title

BY SYDNEY FRISKIN

READING won the Pizza Express national hockey league second division title as expected yesterday, but they made heavy weather of their match at Cheltenham before winning 2-1.

Cheltenham took the lead in the sixteenth minute with Wilshaw converting a penalty stroke. Osborn rescued Reading with goals from short corners in the 43rd and 54th minutes, shooting to the top of the scorers' list with 22 goals.

Guildford and **Indian Gymkhana** secured victories yesterday to continue their battle for the second promotion spot. However, as Guildford play Reading next weekend, they face a more difficult task than Gymkhana, who visit **Isca**. Kulbir Bhaura scored twice for Gymkhana in a 5-2 victory over **Richmond**.

Ian Jennings scored the first goal from a short corner in the 25th minute to put Guildford on the road to a 2-1 victory over Isca. Restell added the second goal in the 39th minute before Robert Skinner reduced the lead.

At the top of the first division, **Hounslow** drew five points clear of **Southgate**, who were held to a 1-1 draw by Teddington. Matthew Cross scored a hat-trick for **Havant** in a 5-0 victory over **Surbiton**, who will be relegated.

ATHLETICS

Cason leaves door open for Christie to claim 60m title

BY DAVID POWELL, ATHLETICS CORRESPONDENT

LINFORD Christie, who competes in his first British meeting of the year next weekend, is still not saying whether three weeks from now he will try to add the world indoor 60 metres title to his 100 metres Olympic gold medal.

He may be encouraged to learn that Andre Cason, who denied him the title the last time it was contested, is abdicating his position as the world's fastest indoor sprinter. Cason, the world champion and world record-holder, is concentrating instead on the coming outdoor season.

Having missed the Olympics because of injury suffered in the United States trials, Cason is eager to make up. He says he has nothing more to prove indoors and he is right.

And outdoors? "I know I can break the world record for 100 metres this year," he said. His best is 9.99sec. The world record is 9.86.

Speaking after winning the 60 metres at the TSB meeting at the Birmingham indoor arena on Saturday, Cason, 24, said that he was now free from his tendinitis trouble.

He will not endear himself to Christie by his comment: "I do not want to step on anyone's toes, but I think the Olympic final was kind of soft."

Cason was implying that, had he not been injured, he would have won. "I was in shape to run 9.8 seconds last year," he said.

It will be up to Cason to prove it now, but Christie has been training hard and will not be pushed aside easily. Such remarks will only spur him.

Cason's time on Saturday was a modest 6.65sec, barely enough to shade Britain's Jason John (6.66). But, having returned to full training only last November, he expected no more.

The best sprint came from Colin Jackson in the 60 metres hurdles. His 7.44sec was only 0.03sec outside his Commonwealth and European records. He has entered the 60 metres flat at the AAA indoor championships at Birmingham on Friday and Saturday, after which Britain's team for the world indoor championships, in Toronto from March 12 to 14, will be selected.

Next weekend Jackson, who is committed to Toronto, may find himself against Christie, who has entered the 60 and 200 metres events. After spending some of the winter training with Christie in Australia, Jackson is well placed to assess the Olympic champion's fitness. He judges him capable of 6.45. That is equal to the fastest recorded this year, by Bruny Surin, of Canada.

Cason: confident

Noureddine Morceli, the Algerian 1,500 metres world champion and world record holder, indoors and out, was not far short in his attempt to set indoor world records for the 1,500 metres and the mile. He passed 1,500 in 3min 34.73sec and covered the mile in 3:50.70; the records are 3:34.16 and 3:49.78. Both Morceli's times were the third fastest for the distance.

He blamed his pacemaker, Ikem Billy, for his failure. "He went too fast and not far enough," Morceli said.

Morceli had asked for 1min 54sec at 880 yards but arrived in 1:52.98, Billy having already stepped aside. Three seconds up on Eamonn Coghlan's mile world record split time at the three-quarters mark, Morceli faded with a last 440 in 59.5.

One record that did fall was the women's European 2,000 metres. Yvonne Murray ran 5min 40.90sec but, like Christie, has yet to announce her intentions for Toronto. She has not run an international indoor championship since 1987, when she won the European 3,000 metres title. Her form this season is good: four races, four wins.

Patience pays off for Price

ROB Parrella, the Commonwealth Games singles bowlschampion, annoyed sections of the crowd at the Preston Guild Hall yesterday, but put on a remarkable display of force and finesse before finally giving best to the patient Welshman, John Price, who won their second-round match in the Midland Bank world indoor championships by three sets to one (David Rhys Jones writes).

Nobody fires more aggressively than Parrella, who killed so many ends that spectators began to groan. They cheered loudly, however, when Price calmly replaced the bowls Parrella hit off the rink, and even louder when the slim Swansea player made two dead ends of his own.

Even Parrella's harshest critics, however, had to admit that his accuracy was breathtaking. But after he had taken the first set 7-6, Price gradually assumed control and went through by scoring 21 shots to five in the remaining sets.

Mike Nicolle, of Guernsey, failed to maintain the form he showed while beating against the defending champion, Ian Schuback, and lost to Mervyn King, the England champion, in four sets.

RESULTS: Singles: Second round: J McCann (Scot) bt C Curtis (Aus), 2-7, 5-7, 7-3, 7-6, 7-0; G Robertson (Scot) bt M Biggs (Eng), 7-5, 7-6, 2-7, 7-1, M King (Eng) bt M Nicolle (Guer), 6-7, 7-2, 7-5, 7-3.

BASKETBALL

Bears manage to stave off Bullets

BY RUSSELL KEMPSON

NEIL McElduff, the Worthing Bears assistant coach, struggled to suppress a smile after watching Guildford Kings beat Thames Valley Tigers 89-85 in Bracknell. "I'm trying not to grin but it's difficult," he said. "This result has helped us a lot."

Twenty-four hours later, McElduff's emotions almost turned full circle as Worthing scraped home 91-90 against Birmingham Bullets to maintain their two-point lead at the top of the Carlsberg League.

"I don't think we were quite prepared for the game or for how well Birmingham would play," Alan Cunningham, the Bears player-coach, said. "I'm just glad we got away with it. A defeat would have undone everything Guildford did for us."

Thames Valley's slip on Friday, after they had led Kings 50-37 shortly before half-time, gives Worthing unexpected breathing space over the final phase of the two-team title run-in. Nigel Lloyd, Tigers' free-scoring playmaker, conceded the odds had shifted to the south coast.

"If we win every game, we can still do it," he said. "But one more loss to anybody, one more bad day, and that's it."

Worthing and Tigers have to meet twice more and if the Berkshire club wins both matches — they were narrow victors in their first encounter earlier in the season, Worthing's solitary league defeat — they could yet become champions for the first time.

Birmingham carved out a 36-25 advantage in the first half on Saturday but Cunningham and Colin Irish, who amassed 37 points, halted the slide. Tony Simms, of Birmingham, concluded the scoring with a three-pointer four seconds from time.

Tigers kept the pot boiling a little longer by overcoming Manchester Giants 91-78 while Guildford saw off a spirited effort from lowly Sunderland Saints 85-81.

Kings failed to register a point in a ragged three-minute spell in the second half and Trevor Gordon also did his best to undermine their challenge by committing two technical fouls.

Leicester City Riders were involved in an extraordinary match away at Cheshire Jets, where they arrived with just seven players. It mattered not as they romped into a 48-33 half-time lead but things went from bad to worse to farcical near the end.

Jets' second-half pressure began to tell and Riders lost their heads as John Tresvant was given two technicals and fouled out. Gene Waldron and Dylan Bogg, his team-mates, also fouled out and Leicester found themselves just four strong in the final minute. Cheshire could barely believe it and waltzed clear 87-72.

Mike Carty, the Hemel Hempstead Royals forward, also found trouble at the weekend and was disqualified for a foul in the 101-90 defeat against Derby Bucks.

FIXTURES

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BEAZER HOMES LEAGUE: Premier division: Hednesford v Solihull (7.30).

PONTINS CENTRAL LEAGUE: First division: Leicester v Wolverhampton (7.0). Second division: Mansfield v Hull (7.0).

NEVILLE OVENDEN COMBINATION: First division: Bristol City v Swindon (7.30); Chelsea v Charlton (7.0); Crystal Palace v Portsmouth (7.30); Oxford v Southampton (7.30). Second division: Plymouth v Cheltenham (7.30).

HFS LOANS LEAGUE: First division cup: Guiseley v Harrogate.

ISTHMIAN LEAGUE FULL MEMBERS CUP: First round: Carshalton Athletic v Bognor Regis: Stevenage Borough v Enfield.

UNADORA LEAGUE: First division: Croydon v Heybridge Swifts. Second division: Malden Vale v Chertsey, Ruislip Manor v Hemel Hempstead.

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Mastery of Giggs shows benefit of United's finishing school

Striking: Giggs tees up a shot on Saturday

Manchester United 2
Southampton 1

BY LOUISE TAYLOR

ALEX Ferguson believes the world will have to wait four years to see the best of Ryan Giggs. In the mean time, we must be content with watching the 19-year-old winger use his many skills to win Manchester United their first championship for a quarter of a century.

After two late goals from Giggs had secured his team's win over Southampton at Old Trafford on Saturday, Ferguson, the Manchester United manager, stressed that the maturation process would continue until the Welshman was 23. "It will be four years before we see the finished article," Ferguson insisted.

If this is the immature Giggs, there must be a few full backs who might contemplate retirement before 1997. By then, Ferguson's home might be decorated with mementos of United's 1993 title triumph, that being the year when Old Trafford ceased wallowing in nostalgia for George Best in order to relish Ryan Giggs.

There is no reason why not: United were subdued against Southampton but stay second, two points behind Aston Villa with a game in hand, and on those bewitching days when Giggs, Cantona, Hughes and Sharpe click, the best defences will be bewildered.

Significantly, Giggs has been United's most consistent forward this season. He has been deployed on his preferred left wing, the right wing and, as in the latter stages of Saturday's game, in the centre.

Southampton silenced Old Trafford after 77 minutes when Banger sprinted down the left before shooting low past the startled Schmeichel. It was the third successive game in which Banger has scored after coming on as a substitute, but it only proved the cue for Giggs to ask Southampton two questions, both of which they failed to answer.

First, in the 82nd minute, he received a perfect pass from Cantona on the left to find himself with only Flowers to beat. Such is Giggs's composure that he wrong-footed the goalkeeper by feinting to go one way before dispatching his shot in the opposite direction, curling the ball inside Flowers's left-hand post.

A minute later, Hughes flicked the ball on, finding the favoured left foot of Giggs, whose great pace had enabled him to burst through the Southampton back line. The crowd of 36,257, drawn from the four corners of Britain and on weekend breaks from Scandinavia and beyond, rediscovered its voice and belief that United are champions elect.

Ferguson deserves the championship, if only for having the courage to deploy two wingers alongside mavericks like Cantona and Hughes. The United manager is a curious mixture of caution and risk-taking. The gambler in him bought Cantona but last season, the other side of his nature dictated that Giggs's first-team appearances were rationed.

Had he placed less emphasis on resting the winger, Ferguson might be defending the title now. Or perhaps the manager's timing was exact and the gentle introduction has enabled Giggs to be that rarity among wingers, a model of consistency. Eight goals — and numerous assists — in 33 appearances this season have firmly squashed suggestions that he might be an "erratic enigma" rather than the best since Best.

Ferguson believes his cautious policy of "wrapping Ryan in cotton wool until he is a man" will help Giggs avoid the pitfalls that accounted for Best. If the price of greatness involves keeping him in club lodgings and away from the media, so be it.

Ian Branfoot is not a man given to hype, but he is convinced. "Giggs is the best young player in the country," the Southampton manager said. "How do you stop him? Buy a good defender and then double up and treble up. His pace makes him so hard to handle." Roll on 1997.

MANCHESTER UNITED: P Schmeichel; P Parker, D Irwin, S Bruce, L Sharpe, G Pallister, E Cantona, P Ince, B McClair, M Hughes, R Giggs.
SOUTHAMPTON: T Flowers, J Kenna, M Adams, T Widdrington, R Hall, K Monkou, M Le Tissier (sub: N Banger), J Dodd, I Dowie, N Maddison, F Benali.
Referee: R Lewis

Walker seeks happy end to Norwich's fairy tale

Norwich City 2
Manchester City 1

BY KEITH PIKE

FOR every football romantic, the Norwich City fairy tale would finish in May with the Premier League championship being delivered to Carrow Road in a crystal carriage: but not for Mike Walker. Happy ever after for the Norwich manager means more than just the most glorious chapter in their history. He wants to create a dynasty — a club for all seasons.

So far, Walker has played the part of handsome prince to perfection, awakening the sleepy Norfolk club and transforming the team from beautiful, entertaining losers to consistent winners. The ability to enchant with simple passing movements still exists; now, though, there is a steel backbone to their silky frame.

That combination — and a bit of luck — saw off Manchester City on Saturday and kept Norwich in dogged pursuit of Aston Villa and Manchester United. But the most significant moment of the week had come earlier, when three teenage strikers signed professional forms after making their mark in the Norwich youth team.

"If I could go out and sign the four players I want tomorrow, we would win the championship," Walker said. But Norwich are in no position to match the millions of United, Villa or Blackburn Rovers in the transfer market.

Nor is Walker prepared to fork out £750,000 on a third division player — "the going rate nowadays" — or gamble less on an unproven quantity from abroad. His foundations for future success are being laid with a flourishing youth policy. "That is how we must progress, bringing young players through," he said.

Walker's target at the start of the season was to win a place in Europe. If they can do it, the rest should follow: more and bigger gates, extra revenue and the ability to hold on to his better players.

The short term, though, looks rosy. On Saturday, Norwich demonstrated perfectly why they have continued to defy the doubters.

Their first-half performance comprised two fouls — their disciplinary record, which compares favourably with any club in the country, shows that success and physical excess do not necessarily go hand in hand — and two delightfully worked goals.

The first was scrambled home by Robins for his thirteenth of the season and the next, 104 seconds later, was finished emphatically by Power.

Mike Sheron's reply within seconds of the restart — his shot deflecting off Polston and looping over Gunn — allowed Norwich to show why their rivals have come to respect rather than just admire them.

At times under relentless pressure, they chased and tackled; when necessary, they pushed and shoved, conceding a dozen free kicks and even having Megson booked.

On Walker's admission, they also had considerable good fortune. White, who failed to score when left with the ball at his feet, and the goal at his mercy, and then headed over from almost on the line, could and should have won it for City.

If Norwich are still in contention after Villa and United have been to Carrow Road at the end of next month, Walker said even he will begin to believe they can take the title. For now, it's back to the future and the youth team.

Walker: bright future

NORWICH CITY: B Gunn; I Culverhouse, M Bowen, I Butterworth, J Polston, G Megson, J Goss (sub: D Sutch), L Power (sub: A Johnson), M Roberts, R Fox, D Phillips.
MANCHESTER CITY: A Coton, R Ranson, T Phelan (sub: A Hill), K Ingebrigtsen (sub: M Quigley), K Curle, M Vonk, D White, M Sharon, N Quinn, G Fitzroit, R Holden.
Referee: R Hill

IAN STEWART

Heading in opposite directions: Mike Newell, of Blackburn Rovers, and David Lee, of Chelsea, clash at Ewood Park yesterday. Blackburn won 2-0 to go fourth as Chelsea's slide continued. Report, page 21

Anfield offers no escape for Barnes

Liverpool 0
Ipswich Town 0

BY RUSSELL KEMPSON

JOHN Barnes returned to base camp on Saturday, relieved of the burden of international expectation, released from the grip of the torturer's vice. He should have guessed it was not his week; Merseyside offered no escape.

At Wembley on Wednesday, when he played an unimpressive role in an indifferent England display against San Marino, he was pilloried by an insensitive and impatient public. Sixty-eight caps counted for nothing; the wonder goal in the Maracana, Brazil, little but a bitter-sweet memory.

Anfield, though, is no longer a safe haven to retreat to in times of stress, no longer a place to sort out scrambled senses in an aura of invincibility. Liverpool are languishing in the Premier League, amid crises of injury and confidence, and looking at a record of one victory in 12 matches and two goals in seven.

Barnes is now captain, appointed four games ago, and will prove a dignified general. On Saturday, he gently chaperoned the six-year-old mascot during the pre-match kick-about and quietly urged his team-mates to greater care and attention when their concentration wavered.

A typical 30-yard dash — past Stockwell, a cut inside, away from Stockwell again and a rasping right-foot drive — illuminated a cold, windy afternoon. Another jinking run, bewildering Johnson and Williams, approached the same vintage and he should have done better than fire wide when left with a clear sight of the target in the second half.

Graeme Souness, the Liverpool manager, said. "John has the skill to be an imposing captain and he has the talent to inspire those around him. He will lead by example because of the player he is."

Yet for all Barnes's flickons, drag-backs and other assorted subtlety, he still disappeared for long periods. What Liverpool need is a leader of strength and 90-minute desire, who barracks and bullies, not an artist who ghosts and glides whenever the mood takes.

Souness removed Steve Nicol from the job earlier this month and may regret it if his side slips further. "When we have both in the team, we've got a captain at the front and another at the back," he said, consoling Nicol yet convincing nobody.

Ipswich have few such worries and were unashamedly content to claim their fourteenth league draw. With a touch more adventure, they could have triumphed at football's former fortress for the first time in 38 years. McManaman's spectacular attempt at an own goal, smartly saved by James, almost clinched it.

Liverpool, both city and football club, has known tragedy — Heysel and Hillsborough — and a minute's silence was observed before the match in memory of James Bulger, the two-year-old whose body was found on a railway embankment near Bootle eight days ago.

At the end, the home supporters who had not already drifted away booed in frustration and the embarrassed PA man announced that the golden goal competition had been won on the first corner for the second successive match.

This is Anfield, 1993: suffering and sombre.

LIVERPOOL: D James; J Redknapp, R Jones, S Nicol, M Wright, S Bjornebye (sub: M Marsh), S McManaman, D Hutchison (sub: M Walters), I Rush, J Barnes, P Stewart.
IPSWICH TOWN: C Baker; G Johnson, N Thompson, M Stockwell, J Wark, D Linighan, G Williams, B Guentchev, S Whitton, J Dozzell, C Kiwomya.
Referee: A Gunn

Villa struggle to find support for strong position

Aston Villa 2
Everton 1

BY MICHAEL HENDERSON

HOW much more must Aston Villa do before the Birmingham public responds? The leaders of, and highest scorers in, the Premier League, they have still to breach a wall of apathy that passes for their support as easily as they do opposing defences.

The club spent £10,000 on advertising last week to coax an additional thousand or two to watch this victory, which should have been achieved more comfortably. It was only the fifth league gate this season of more than 30,000 at Villa Park, a damning statistic in view of the team's willingness to please.

Even when Villa were winning the championship and the European Cup a decade ago there was not exactly a rush through the turnstiles. Jim Cumbes, their former goalkeeper, recalls returning to the city two years ago to find people reminding him of their barnstorming days in the old third division. "To think that they had won the European Cup and what they wanted to talk about were the trips to Rotherham!"

At times on Saturday, the ground was eerily quiet despite the stimulus of two goals in the opening 17 minutes. Apart from denouncing Tony Ward, an erratic referee, for his mishandling of a game that was never fractious, the crowd supplied little in the way of big match atmosphere until news filtered through from Old Trafford that Southampton had taken the lead in the second half.

Before they go to Manchester in three weeks' time, Villa meet Wimbledon and Tottenham Hotspur at home. Those sides will undoubtedly offer more of a fight than Everton, whose unhealthy state was reflected in a display of unpardonable passivity. They have lost four successive league games and one would not wager much on their chances of beating Oldham on Saturday.

Howard Kendall ignored the American precept, "You can't go home again," when he returned to Goodison Park in December 1990. Two-and-a-half seasons after inheriting a side that Colin Harvey had mangled so expensively, it is hard to see what progress he has made.

The tactics Everton deployed here defied belief. In the 50 minutes he was on the field, Warzycha operated as a surrogate right back. By the time Barlow was thrust on to retrieve a second goal, Johnston had withdrawn to a deep left-sided position where he was as anonymous as a leaf in a forest.

Anonymity is the word for this feeble bunch, Beardsley always excepted. However much he may wish to unload the players he has, Kendall is suffering from negative equity. Neither Johnston, Ablett or Cottee would fetch reserve prices. As for Snodin, once so promising, he could probably be bartered away for half a pound of turnips and a couple of spuds.

Ron Atkinson won the battle of wits hands down. Deprived of his namesake in attack, and Parker, his important midfield player, he ushered Barrett forward and introduced Cox in his stead at right back. These players, pouring into the crater that separated Ablett and Sansom, put Villa two goals ahead almost before the game had settled down.

Cox, transferring the ball from right boot to left 15 yards out, shot his first league goal for the club. Barrett, given his chance by Sansom's inadequate clearing header, volleyed his first goal of any kind since leaving Oldham. Kearton remained the busier of the two Australian goalkeepers, in a game which featured players from nine different countries.

Sansom, falling over Houghton's foot, deceived Mr Ward into giving Everton a penalty which Beardsley put away. The referee was more culpable when he overlooked Johnston's trip on Cox shortly before half-time. Nor did he apply much discretion in booking five men.

Villa's sum remains greater than their parts, which says much for Atkinson's ability to judge not just players, but groups of players. Everton face a torrid spring. Earlier this season Kendall imagined they were "not far off a championship team". This time next year they may be, but if they are it will not be of the division he had in mind.

ASTON VILLA: M Bosnich; E Barrett, S Staunton, S Teale, P McGrath, K Richardson, R Houghton, N Cox, D Saunders, D Yorke, S Bennich.
EVERTON: J Kearton; M Jackson, K Sansom, I Snodin, D Watson, G Ablett, R Warzycha (sub: S Barlow), P Beardsley, T Cottee, M Johnston (sub: R Preckl), B Horne.
Referee: A Ward.

Wimbledon persist with meagre encouragement

Wimbledon 2
Sheffield United 0

BY KEITH BLACKMORE

WHAT are Wimbledon doing in the Premier League? Winning matches for one thing, as Sheffield United discovered at Selhurst Park on Saturday, but it is a question that has exercised even the architect of their rise, Dave Bassett.

As manager of Sheffield United these days, Bassett has plenty of problems of his own, but he still found time last week to suggest that Wimbledon ought not to be in the Premier League because they attracted such small crowds. Coming from the man who put them there in the first place, this might seem a bit rich and it certainly irritated Sam Hammam, the owner of Wimbledon.

He took a page in the programme to respond: "That, Harry, is traitor's talk," he wrote. "It's also nonsense. If finances have to come into it, a fairer criterion would be the balance sheet, not the gates. After all, it is not about what you take at the turnstile but what you do with it."

There will not be much to work with after Saturday. Only 3,979 spectators turned up, not only the lowest number for a Premier League match (by nearly 9,000) but more than 1,000 fewer than the worst gate in the first division. And this was not even Wimbledon's lowest crowd this season.

There are mitigating circumstances: Wimbledon are playing in a borrowed stadium, Sheffield United are not much of a draw themselves, and so on. But the fact remains, it is not much fun watching Wimbledon play anybody (except perhaps Liverpool) so not many people bother.

On Saturday, the empty terraces echoed to the industrial sounds of Wimbledon at work: the grunts and shouts of Vinny Jones, the moans of the newly tackled, the thump of boot on ball.

There were a few cheers, too, especially for Fashanu's splendid shot from a range of 20 yards which opened the scoring after two minutes, and for Dobbs's scrambled goal that closed it on the stroke of half-time, but on the whole, this was business, not pleasure.

Wimbledon have mastered the art of survival by simply cutting out the frills. Their famous style is just an absence of style. Their football is simple, robust, direct and mechanically effective.

Hammam and his various managers created a series of teams containing one or two very good players, such as Fashanu and Earle, several promising ones, such as Dobbs, some reliable journeymen, such as Segers, and the odd character, such as Jones, who keeps the club in the headlines one way or another. A superb scouting operation provides a steady supply of raw talent to be processed for transfer.

Wimbledon Football Club is, as Hammam implies, an efficient little economic unit but its greatest achievement is to have survived in the entertainment business without entertaining.

WIMBLEDON: H Segers; R Joseph, G Elkins, V Jones, J Scales, B McAllister, N Ardley, R Earle, J Fashanu, D Holdsworth, G Dobbs.
SHEFFIELD UNITED: A Kelly; M Ward, J Cowan, J Gannon, B Gayle, P Beesley (sub: G Hodges), F Carr (sub: A Cork), P Rogers, J Hoyland, B Deane, A Littlejohn.
Referee: R Hart.

THE TIMES TABLE OF THE FA PREMIER LEAGUE

Weekly change		P	Pts	Goal Diff	W	(H-A)	D	(H-A)	L	(H-A)	For	(H-A)	Agt	(H-A)	Recent form
1	(0) Aston Villa	30	56	+16	16	(10-6)	8	(3-5)	6	(2-4)	47	(30-17)	31	(14-17)	wlwlww
2	(0) Manchester Utd	29	54	+21	15	(10-5)	9	(3-6)	5	(2-3)	44	(27-17)	23	(11-12)	wwlwdw
3	(0) Norwich	28	51	0	15	(9-6)	6	(4-2)	7	(1-6)	42	(22-20)	42	(13-29)	ldwwlw
4	(+4) Blackburn	28	44	+12	12	(9-3)	8	(2-6)	8	(4-4)	42	(27-15)	30	(15-15)	dwlllw
5	(+2) QPR	28	44	+7	12	(7-5)	8	(5-3)	8	(3-5)	39	(28-11)	32	(21-11)	ldwddw
6	(-2) Ipswich	29	44	+5	10	(6-6)	14	(7-7)	5	(1-4)	37	(22-15)	32	(15-17)	lwwldw
7	(+2) Sheffield Wed	27	42	+6	11	(7-4)	9	(4-5)	7	(3-4)	37	(22-15)	31	(17-14)	dwwwww
8	(-3) Coventry	29	42	+5	11	(5-6)	9	(3-6)	9	(6-3)	45	(22-23)	40	(18-22)	dwwlwl
9	(+1) Tottenham	29	41	-3	11	(7-4)	8	(4-4)	10	(4-6)	36	(23-13)	39	(17-22)	llwwww
10	(-2) Manchester City	28	40	+8	11	(5-6)	7	(4-3)	10	(4-6)	40	(20-20)	32	(14-18)	wlwwdl
11	(+2) Arsenal	27	38	+1	11	(6-5)	5	(3-2)	11	(5-6)	26	(16-10)	25	(12-13)	ldwllw
12	(-1) Chelsea	30	37	-6	9	(4-5)	10	(6-4)	11	(5-6)	32	(15-17)	38	(17-21)	dlldll
13	(+3) Wimbledon	29	36	-1	9	(5-4)	9	(4-5)	11	(6-5)	35	(20-15)	36	(19-17)	wlwwww
14	(-2) Southampton	30	36	-2	9	(7-2)	9	(5-4)	12	(3-8)	35	(21-14)	37	(13-24)	lwlwwl
15	(0) Liverpool	28	35	-1	9	(7-2)	8	(4-4)	11	(3-8)	38	(25-13)	39	(14-25)	lwddld
16	(-2) Leeds	29	35	-5	9	(9-0)	8	(5-3)	12	(1-11)	40	(31-9)	45	(13-32)	lwldwl
17	(0) Crystal Palace	29	33	-10	8	(4-4)	9	(5-4)	12	(5-7)	36	(17-19)	46	(18-28)	llwwl
18	(0) Everton	29	32	-8	9	(4-5)	5	(4-1)	15	(6-9)	31	(13-18)	39	(17-22)	wwllll
19	(0) Middlesbrough	29	30	-12	7	(6-1)	9	(4-5)	13	(5-8)	37	(22-15)	49	(17-32)	llwlll
20	(+2) Nottm Forest	27	28	-8	7	(4-3)	7	(2-5)	13	(6-7)	28	(11-17)	36	(11-25)	wwlwdw
21	(-1) Sheffield Utd	28	28	-11	7	(6-1)	7	(5-2)	14	(2-12)	27	(17-10)	38	(10-28)	dwlwl
22	(-1) Oldham	28	27	-13	7	(6-1)	6	(3-3)	15	(5-10)	38	(25-13)	51	(19-32)	llwll

MANAGERIAL: Ian Porterfield (Chelsea) dismissed, replaced by David Webb on caretaker basis. LOANS: Chris Kamara (Luton) to Middlesbrough; Kerry Dixon (Chelsea) to Luton.

More woe for Leeds on travels

TEDDY Sheringham's first hat-trick for Tottenham Hotspur in their 4-0 victory against Leeds United at White Hart Lane on Saturday provided revenge for events in West Yorkshire last August (Louise Taylor writes).

Then, the league champions put five goals past Tottenham and had anyone suggested that, by February, Leeds would still be seeking a first away league win and in danger of relegation, he would have been laughed out of Elland Road.

Sheringham, a £2 million buy from Nottingham Forest last summer, has scored 20 goals this season, ten coming in the last seven games. Forest have struggled without him, but they improved their survival chances with a 2-1 win at Middlesbrough, who could yet be relegated at Forest's expense. Goals from Clough and Stone left Lennie Lawrence's side fourth from bottom.

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Western star prepares to rise again in the East

Joanna Pitman reports from Japan on the warm welcome received by Gary Lineker upon the start of a footballing mission

Japan's sporting hero-in-waiting, Gary Lineker, arrived in Nagoya at the weekend to begin a two-year contract, reportedly worth £3 million, with Grampus Eight, the Toyota-sponsored team that is part of Japan's new professional football league.

Lineker has been hailed here as a British national hero, a sporting ambassador of impeccable background who, it is hoped, will set Japanese "Sakkaa" on the road to national and international prominence and enable Japan to make a successful bid to host the World Cup in 2002.

As befits his image, Lineker stepped off the plane on Saturday with his hair neatly brushed, his shoes shining and with a big smile for the gaggle of giggling young girls who have already formed a nascent "Gally Rinekaa" fan club. If their outfits betrayed a style borrowed from American cheerleaders, this is only to be expected in a country where football is still a minor element in a sports pantheon dominated by baseball and Sumo wrestling.

Lineker's job is to change that. Already known here as Mr Nice Guy, Lineker put on a good show on Saturday, producing a speech in honorifically correct Japanese, no mean feat in a language that has four or five distinct levels of politeness. "I am very glad to be here... I vow to do my best," he said, airing the results of the lessons he has been taking over the past six months.

Lineker will this week begin practising with Grampus Eight, the team named somewhat obscurely after the two gold leaf "grampus" fish that adorn the roof of Nagoya Castle. Eight, we are assured, is the city's lucky number.

After the team has completed a tour of Australia, it has signed to play Lazio in Tokyo on May 2, giving Lineker a chance to renew acquaintance with his former Tottenham and England colleague, Paul Gascoigne. Lazio is one of five foreign clubs invited to Japan to launch the J-League, which begins its programme on May 15.

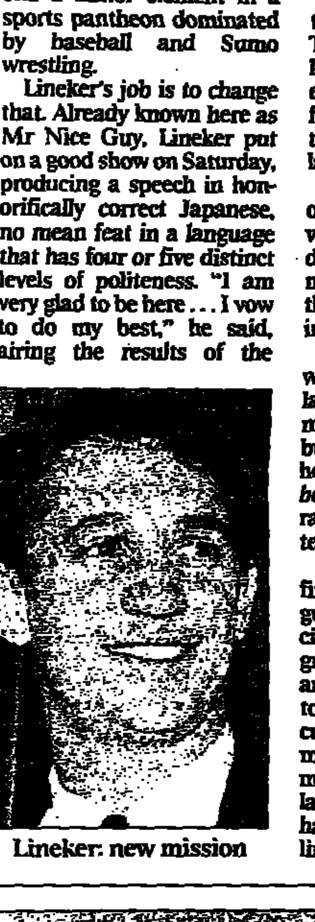
In marketing its new hero, Toyota has taken a series of full-page advertisements in national newspapers that show a pensive Lineker alone in front of an empty stadium, pristine socks pulled up, boots polished and not a hair out of place.

Toyota showrooms around the country are to start handing out Lineker T-shirts and it will not be long before television viewers will be treated to jolly footage of Lineker behind the wheel of the company's latest sports car.

There will be no shortage of attention for Lineker, whose western looks and dazzling smile already meet most of the requirements that Japanese women seek in foreign men.

When his wife arrives with their son, George, in late spring J-League promoters say she will be kept busy with such traditional housewifely pursuits as *Ikebana* (Japanese flower arranging) and studying the tea ceremony.

She will have to learn to find her way around Nagoya, Japan's third largest city and its biggest and greyest industrial centre, and she will have to adjust to such realities as the £4 cup of coffee or the £100 melon. A sum of £3 million may sound an awful lot, but large amounts of money have a nasty habit of shrivelling away in Japan.



Lineker: new mission

MARC ASPLAND

Facing up to the task: Jones, the West Ham substitute, tangles with Scott, of Newcastle, yesterday

Rock-solid Newcastle draw to keep promotion status quo

West Ham United 0
Newcastle United 0

By Clive White

A MISSED opportunity indeed, and not only by West Ham. All the first division's promotion hopefuls passed up on the chance this weekend to reel in still further Kevin Keegan's one-time tearaway leaders. You have to go down as far as Watford, in eleventh position, to find a team that did gain ground on them.

This absorbing match at Upton Park yesterday may turn out to be something of a watershed for Newcastle, even if it did extend their out-of-sorts run to one win in eight games. To have held their closest rivals to a draw in their own backyard before a sell-out crowd of 24,159 can only be good for Newcastle's confidence, and by the second half they were oozing enough of it to have won the game.

Billy Bonds, the West Ham manager, declined to see it that way, instead taking encouragement from the fact that they had trimmed Newcastle's 15-point lead to four in recent weeks, and had again run them close. "It might be a point gained," he said. "They have got to go to Millwall and Tranmere yet."

The stalemate was shaped by the teams' deployment of five-man midfields. Neither side lacked the willingness to go forward but West Ham clearly missed the skills of Clive Allen, missing now for seven games with a torn calf muscle, against such towering central figures as Scott and Howey. Had he been fit, Bonds said that he would have opted for 4-4-2.

As it was, Newcastle had the edge in the busy midfield despite the efforts of Martin Allen, Clive's cousin, who is rapidly maturing into a player of some pedigree. It will be interesting to see how he fares in the Premier League next season, assuming West Ham maintain their form which amounts to one defeat now in 16 games.

He will have to learn, though, to temper his exuberance, which earned him a third-minute booking for a wild challenge on Howey which almost sent the Newcastle defender back to the treatment room, from where he had come. Dicks similary spoiled another driving performance with a booking.

When Allen's energies were more suitably channelled he produced both of West Ham's best efforts of the match, each before half-time. One, a thunderous drive in the 31st minute which cannoned off the legs of the unsuspecting Srnicek, the other a cunning, curling shot from 25 yards seven minutes later which the Czechoslovak goalkeeper just managed to palm away to safety.

Czechs cancelled one another out in the second half when, with West Ham's ambition visibly withering, it was the turn of Miklosko to come to their rescue with saves of international quality from Peacock's bicycle kick and Lee, who shot smartly on the run.

It was to their credit that Newcastle continued to carry the game to the opposition throughout the second half instead of opting for the soft option of a creditable draw. That, however, was what they ended up with, and Keegan was happy enough with it. "It wasn't quite the game many people envisaged but I think that's because the sides cancelled one another out," he said.

"It's no fluke that we're first and second."

WEST HAM UNITED: L Miklosko; K Brown, J Dicks, S Potts, A Gale, M Allen, M Robson, P Butler, T Morley, I Bishop, K Keen (sub: S Jones).
NEWCASTLE UNITED: P Srnicek; B Venison, J Beresford, L O'Brien, K Scott, S Howey, R Lee, G Peacock, D Kelly, L Clark, K Sheedy.
Referee: K Cooper.

SPORT IN BRIEF

Victory seals Foster's world cup triumph

MARK Foster yesterday became world cup swimming champion at 50 metres freestyle after his third victory over Aleksandr Popov, the Olympic champion (Craig Lord writes). His win in Milan capped the finest performance by a Briton on the world cup circuit.

The comfortable margin by which he won last night, in 22.10sec to Popov's 22.40, made Foster's performance appear effortless. But on Saturday, he showed signs of a man who has given his best for two weeks. Foster finished in world-class times but off his best in the 100 metres freestyle, in which he was second, and the 50 metres butterfly, in which he was third.

Foster's rewards include the world record of 21.60sec at 50 metres freestyle, and with it the title of "fastest man in water", the world record of 23.72sec at 50 metres butterfly, and a total of $7,000 in prize-money, $5,000 for winning the freestyle title and $2,000 for being runner-up at 50 metres butterfly.

"I'm pleased with my performance," he said. "It's been a great experience and I salute the world cup organisers for putting on this competition: it's what the sport needs."

Martin fails first exam

SQUASH: The retirement late last year of Susan Devoy, the unrivalled world No. 1, has triggered a scramble at the top of the women's game in which her immediate successor was savaged in her first tournament as top seed yesterday. Michelle Martin, the Australian who lost the world open final to Devoy in Vancouver last year, was defeated 15-12, 13-15, 15-12, 7-15, 15-9 in the semi-final of the Leekes Classic in Cardiff yesterday by her compatriot, Liz Irving, the world No. 9.

Crook lifts Hightown

HOCKEY: Jackie Crook scored three goals to help Hightown defeat Glasgow Western 4-2 in the play-off for third place in the European women's indoor championship in Berlin yesterday. Hightown lost in the semi-finals to the favourites, Russelsheimer, while Glasgow were beaten 3-2 by the eventual champions, Berliner. St Albans returned empty-handed from the European men's indoor championship in Vienna after losing 9-5 to Vienna AC in the play-off for third place. Rot Weiss Cologne took the title.

Test for Boardman

CYCLING: Chris Boardman, the Olympic pursuit champion, and Simon Lillistone, a Barcelona track colleague, were pushed hard before winning the Ellesmere Port 25-mile team time-trial at Broxton, near Chester, yesterday. In the new yellow and red strip of the North Wirral Velo, the Olympians finished 16 seconds ahead of Wayne Randle and John Tanner, members of the national road racing squad, after being 20 seconds up at halfway. "The strong wind made conditions difficult for everyone," Boardman said.

Budget worry for ARA

ROWING: Martin Brandon Bravo is the new president of the Amateur Rowing Association (ARA), taking over from Neil Thomas, who is retiring after eight years. Brandon Bravo, 60, was an active member of the ARA council in the Seventies before serving as Conservative MP for Nottingham South from 1983 to 1992. He takes over with British competitors highly ranked internationally but with finances causing concern. A deficit of £79,000 on the international budget is forecast for the coming year.

Rare defeat for Seles

MARTINA Navratilova ended a 34-match winning run by the world No. 1, Monica Seles, by prevailing in a gripping final of the Paris indoor tennis tournament yesterday. Navratilova, 36, came from behind in the final set to win 6-3, 4-6, 7-6, capturing the tie-break 7-3. Navratilova managed to break Seles when she served for the match at 5-4 and then saved two break points on her own service. The winning streak by Seles had lasted six months, since the Canadian Open when she lost to Arantxa Sánchez Vicario.

WEEKEND FOOTBALL RESULTS AND TABLES

Premier League

A VILLA (2) 2 EVERTON (1) 1
Cox 12 Barrett 17; Beardsley 24 (pen)
32,913

LIVERPOOL (0) 0 IPSWICH (0) 0
36,680

MANCHESTER U (0) 2 SOUTHAMPTON (0) 1
Giggs 82, 83; Banger 77
36,257

MIDDLESBRO (0) 1 NOTTM FOR (0) 2
Phillips 61; Clough 60 Stone 69
15,639

NORWICH (2) 2 MANCHESTER C (0) 1
Robins 28 Power 30; Sheron 46
16,386

OLDHAM (0) 0 ARSENAL (0) 1
Linighan 50
12,311

QPR (2) 2 COVENTRY (0) 0
Pearce 33 (og) Peacock 41
12,453

SHEFFIELD W (1) 2 C PALACE (0) 1
Warhurst 27 Wilson 71; Armstrong 62
26,459

TOTTENHAM (2) 4 LEEDS (0) 0
Sheringham 9, 38, 68 (pen) Ruddock 49
32,040

WIMBLEDON (2) 2 SHEFFIELD UTD (0) 0
Fashanu 2 Dobbs 44
3,979

Yesterday

BLACKBURN (1) 2 CHELSEA (0) 0
Newell 8, 63
14,780

VAUXHALL FA TROPHY: Third round: Chesham 1, Sutton United 3; Grays 1, Gateshead 1, Merthyr 1, Warrington Town 1; Northallerton Town 1, Farnborough 3, Runcorn 1, Winsford 0; Telford 1, Boston 1; Witton 1, Marine 0; Wycombe 2, Bromsgrove 0.

BASS IRISH CUP: Sixth round: Bangor 2, Armagh City 0, Brantwood 0, Glentoran 1, Cliftonville 2, Ballymena 0, Coagh United 1, Larne 8, Distillery 1, Ballyclare 1; Dunmurry Mills 0, Ards 4; Dundela 3, Limavady United 2, Linfield 1, Omagh Town 1.

BEAZER HOMES LEAGUE: Premier division: Bashley 0, Hednesford 1; Chelmsford 2, Atherstone 1, Cheltenham 0, Burton 0; Dover 2, Corby Town 0, Gloucester 1, Crawley Town 1, Halesowen 2, Dorchester 2; Solihull 0, Cambridge City 0; VS Rugby 1, Hastings 1, Waterlooville 2, Moor Green 1; Weymouth 2, Worcester 2. Southern division: Andover 0, Witney 5; Ashford 4, Dunstable 0; Braintree 5, Salisbury 1, Buckingham 0, Fisher Athletic 0; Bury Town 2, Burnham 2; Fareham 1, Canterbury City 2; Gravesend and Northfleet 4, Havant 3; Poole 4, Margate 0, Sittingbourne 4, Newport IOW 2; Sudbury 3, Erith and Belvedere 1, Wealdstone 0, Baldock 3. Midland division: Barri 2, Tamworth 0; Bilston 6, Yate 3, Grantham 2, Forest Green 2; Gresley 2, Bedworth 2; Hinckley 1, Evesham 5; Leicester United 2, Sutton Coldfield 1, Nuneaton Borough 1, Newport AFC 1; RC Warwick 0, Dudley 0; Redditch 4, King's Lynn 2; Rushden and Diamonds 3, Weston-super-Mare 0; Stourbridge 4, Bridgnorth 1.

HFS LOANS LEAGUE: Premier division: Buxton 0, Bishop Auckland 3, Colwyn Bay 2, Matlock 1, Droylsden 3, Accrington Stanley 3, Fleetwood 3, Emley 1, Frickley 1, Hyde 1; Goole 1, Barrow 0; Morecambe 2, Chorley 0, Southport 0, Leek 0, Whitley Bay 1, Mossley 1. First division: Alfreton 2, Bridlington Town 3, Ashton United 5, Guiseley 2; Curzon Ashton 1, Knowsley 1, Farsley Celtic 3, Lancaster City 0; Eastwood Town 2, Caernarfon 2; Great Harwood 5, Shepshed Albion 2, Harrogate 2, Radcliffe Borough 3; Netherfield 1, Congleton 1, Workington 0, Worksop 0.

DIADORA LEAGUE: Premier division: Aylesbury 1, Wokingham 0; Dulwich 0, Basingstoke 0; Harrow 3, Stevenage Borough 1; Kingstonian 1, St Albans 3, Marlow 3, Hendon 0; Staines 0, Hayes 1; Wivenhoe 1, Bromley 0, Yeading 1, Carshalton 1. First division: Abingdon 4, Whyteleafe 2; Barking 0, Hitchin 0; Croydon 1, Aveley 2, Heybridge Swifts 1, Boreham Wood 1; Lewes 2, Uxbridge 0; Leyton 1, Chalfont St Peter 0; Maidenhead 0, Bishop's Stortford 2; Molesey 1, Dorking 1; Purfleet 2, Billericay 2; Walton and Hersham 0, Tooting and Mitcham 0. Second division: Banstead Athletic 0, Chertsey 1; Berkhamsted 2, Newbury 1, Hampton 0, Southall 2; Harefield 0, Barton 2; Hemel 2, Malden Vale 1; Hungerford 2, Ware 1; Leatherhead 4, Egham 0; Ruislip M 8, Tilbury 0; Saffron Walden 2, Edgware 0; Witham 0, Rainham 0. Third division: Aldershot 0, Hertford 0; Collier Row 1, Horsham 0, E Thurrock 2, Royston 1; Epsom and Ewell 0, Bracknell 2; Feltham and Hounslow 1, Camberley 3; Flackwell H 2, Tring 3; Hornchurch 0, Cove 0; Kingsbury 1, Leighton 0; Northwood 2, Thame 1; Petersfield 1, Clapton 1.

Barclays League

First division

BRISTOL R (1) 1 TRANMERE (0) 0
Saunders 23
5,135

CAMBRIDGE (0) 1 SWINDON (0) 0
Kimble 75 (pen)
5,437

DERBY (0) 1 WATFORD (2) 2
Short 66 (pen); Charlery 1 Furlong 45
15,190

GRIMSBY (1) 1 BIRMINGHAM (0) 1
Rodger 15; Gayle 85
5,237

LUTON (0) 1 CHARLTON (0) 0
Gray 46
8,443

MILLWALL (0) 0 BARNSLEY (3) 4
Archdeacon 3, 77 Biggins 9, 41
8,034

PORTSMOUTH (0) 1 LEICESTER (0) 1
Walsh 77; Philpott 90
14,160

SUNDERLAND (0) 0 BRISTOL C (0) 0
17,122

WOLVES (0) 0 OXFORD UTD (1) 1
Beauchamp 18
12,791

Yesterday

NOTTS CO (1) 1 PETERBORO (0) 0
Smith 9 (pen)
7,468

SOUTHEND (1) 3 BRENTFORD (0) 0
Jones 31 Collymore 65 Ansah 78
4,123

WEST HAM (0) 0 NEWCASTLE (0) 0
24,159

	P	HOME W	D	L	F	A	AWAY W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Newcastle	30	10	3	1	29	8	9	3	4	23	18	63
West Ham	31	9	4	2	30	12	8	4	4	26	17	59
Millwall	31	11	3	1	41	15	3	7	6	11	19	52
Portsmouth	31	11	2	2	30	7	3	7	6	24	30	51
Tranmere	28	10	4	1	35	11	4	2	7	15	25	48
Swindon	29	9	4	2	30	17	4	4	6	19	24	47
Grimsby	29	8	4	3	24	18	5	1	8	19	20	44
Wolves	31	7	5	4	26	19	4	5	6	16	19	43
Leicester	29	7	4	4	23	18	5	3	6	17	19	43
Charlton	31	6	7	3	20	14	4	4	7	15	17	41
Watford	31	5	5	5	23	23	5	4	7	23	32	39
Oxford Utd	29	5	6	3	23	13	4	6	5	18	23	39
Barnsley	30	7	3	4	17	11	4	3	9	21	24	39
Derby	29	4	0	10	23	27	7	5	3	24	14	38
Peterboro	29	3	7	5	20	22	7	1	6	19	22	38
Bradford	31	6	3	7	22	22	4	4	7	17	23	37
Sunderland	29	6	4	6	21	19	4	3	6	10	20	37
Cambridge	30	6	3	6	18	20	2	7	6	16	28	34
Luton	30	3	8	4	15	21	4	5	6	18	24	34
Bristol C	30	5	5	4	18	18	3	4	9	16	35	33
Notts Co	30	5	5	5	19	18	2	5	8	16	31	31
Southend	30	5	6	4	21	13	2	3	10	12	25	30
Bristol R	30	5	2	9	21	31	3	3	8	17	29	28
Birmingham	30	6	2	6	18	22	1	8	9	9	29	29

Second division

BLACKPOOL (0) 1 BOLTON (0) 1
Eyres 78 (pen); McGinlay 51 (pen)
8,054

BOURNEMOUTH (3) 4 MANSFIELD (0) 1
McGorry 19 Fletcher 29 Ekoku 43 Wood 49; Wilkinson 71
3,987

BRIGHTON (0) 3 EXETER (0) 0
Nogan 53 Kennedy 71 Wallace 77
5,585

CHESTER (1) 1 HARTLEPOOL (0) 0
Rimmer 25 (pen)
1,912

FULHAM (0) 1 WIGAN (0) 0
Eckhardt 76
3,502

HUDDERSFIELD (0) 1 L ORIENT (1) 1
Stuart 71; Bellamy 8
5,112

PLYMOUTH (1) 1 BURNLEY (1) 2
Nugent 23; Pender 4, 86
5,905

READING (1) 4 PRESTON (0) 0
Taylor 4 Gilkes 46 Gray 47 Quinn 71
3,543

ROTHERHAM (3) 4 PORT VALE (1) 1
Wilder 37 (pen) Flounders 44, 89 Howard 45; Sulley 43
5,545

STOCKPORT (1) 5 WEST BROM (1) 1
Gannon 44, 62 Francis 57 Carstairs 66 Williams 87; Naylor 42
7,181

STOKE (0) 1 BRADFORD (0) 0
Kevan 89
16,494

SWANSEA (1) 1 HULL (0) 0
McFarlane 33
2,656

	P	HOME W	D	L	F	A	AWAY W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Stoke	29	11	3	0	29	9	7	6	2	24	15	63
Port Vale	29	10	5	0	32	8	5	3	6	30	23	53
L Orient	31	12	3	1	36	12	3	4	8	14	21	52
West Brom	30	10	3	2	33	12	5	4	6	17	21	52
Stockport	29	10	6	0	38	11	4	3	6	18	21	51
Rotherham	29	8	4	3	23	15	5	4	5	17	17	47
Burnley	30	8	5	2	24	11	4	4	7	14	25	45
Bolton	28	8	2	3	26	10	4	5	6	21	22	43
Bradford	31	7	4	4	21	15	4	6	6	24	32	43
Brighton	29	8	3	3	22	13	4	4	7	17	22	43
Fulham	30	5	5	4	17	18	5	6	5	21	26	41
Reading	30	7	3	5	30	15	3	7	5	16	19	40
Swansea	29	5	6	2	17	8	4	6	6	18	21	39
Bournemouth	28	6	5	3	19	13	4	4	6	10	15	39
Hartlepool	30	6	3	6	14	15	4	5	6	15	20	38
Plymouth	29	8	5	1	23	17	1	4	10	6	27	36
Hull	30	6	3	6	19	18	3	5	7	13	24	35
Preston	30	6	4	6	26	26	3	2	9	16	31	33
Exeter	30	4	5	6	20	21	3	7	5	15	27	33
Wigan	28	5	6	5	20	19	3	2	8	10	22	32
Blackpool	30	5	7	3	25	21	2	3	10	13	29	31
Mansfield	30	5	6	4	26	24	1	3	11	8	33	27
Chester	31	5	2	9	24	32	1	2	12	13	35	22
Huddersfield	27	3	4	6	12	14	2	3	9	12	28	22

OLD BOYS LEAGUE: Premier division: Chertsey 0, Tiffinians 1; Tenisonians 7, Enfield 1.

NORTHERN COUNTIES EAST LEAGUE: Premier division: Armthorpe Welfare 0, Ossett Town 6; Ashfield 2, Harrogate Ra 2; Denaby 1, Pontefract Col 1; Eccleshill 1, Pickering 0; Glasshoughton Wel 1, Brigg 1; North Ferriby 0, Winterton Rangers 0; Ossett Albion 4, Liversedge 0; Stocksbridge PS 0, Spennymoor 1; Thackley 0, Belper 1; Sheffield 1, Maltby MW 2.

Third division

BARNET (1) 2 DONCASTER (0) 0
Lynch 31 Bull 53
3,458

BURY (5) 6 CARLISLE (0) 0
Adekola 10, 34 Hulme 22 Knill 23 Stevens 26, 40
2,723

DARLINGTON (1) 1 CHESTERFIELD (0) 1
Parkin 41; Morris 77
1,366

HALIFAX (1) 1 CREWE (1) 2
Case 42; Edwards 40 Carr 69
1,604

LINCOLN (1) 2 HEREFORD (0) 0
Matthews 27 57
2,875

SCARBORO (1) 1 ROCHDALE (1) 1
Foreman 12; Page 22
1,765

SHREWSBURY (1) 4 COLCHESTER (0) 3
Griffiths 9, 88 Smith 60 English 86 (og); Hopkins 52 Grainger 74 (pen) McGavin 82
2,653

TORQUAY (0) 1 YORK (0) 0
Kelly 47
3,119

WALSALL (1) 3 SCUNTHORPE (0) 2
Clarke 6, 75 McDonald 90; Stevenson 65 Helliwell 79
2,935

WREXHAM (0) 2 GILLINGHAM (0) 0
Paskin 75 Bennett 80 (pen)
4,415

	P	HOME W	D	L	F	A	AWAY W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Barnet	28	13	2	0	37	12	5	4	4	15	17	60
Cardiff	28	9	4	1	31	14	7	1	6	20	19	53
Wrexham	28	9	2	3	34	19	6	5	3	18	19	52
York	29	9	5	1	28	9	4	5	5	18	23	49
Shrewsbury	27	10	1	4	28	20	4	4	4	12	13	47
Walsall	28	7	4	3	29	23	7	0	7	22	23	46
Lincoln	27	7	3	3	18	12	6	2	6	18	20	44
Scarborough	28	6	4	1	19	10	6	2	7	27	32	42
Rochdale	27	6	3	4	27	18	5	5	4	25	25	41
Bury	28	8	3	2	27	11	4	2	7	17	25	41
Crewe	26	7	0	4	21	14	6	2	7	23	27	41
Colchester	29	8	3	4	25	20	3	1	10	18	31	37
Chesterfield	27	6	2	5	21	18	3	6	5	18	23	35
Doncaster	31	5	4	6	18	19	3	6	7	13	25	34
Scunthorpe	25	4	5	3	21	15	4	2	7	12	18	31
Darlington	28	3	4	7	15	22	4	5	5	13	15	30
Halifax	29	3	4	8	18	25	4	3	7	20	24	28
Carlisle	27	5	2	7	22	21	2	5	6	14	23	28
Hereford	28	4	8	3	22	20	2	2	9	12	25	28
Torquay	28	4	2	8	11	18	4	0	10	19	33	26
Gillingham	28	5	2	7	22	21	0	7	7	11	21	24
Northampton	28	3	4	8	14	23	3	2	8	19	28	24

JEWSON EASTERN COUNTIES LEAGUE: Premier division: Brightlingsea 1, Chatteris 5; Cornard 2, Wroxham 0; Felixstowe 2, Gorleston 1; Great Yarmouth 2, Brantham Athletic 1; Haverhill 2, Watton 1; Lowestoft 0, Halstead 2; Norwich United 1, Harwich and Parkeston 2; Stowmarket 1, Wisbech 3; Tiptree 1, Fakenham 4.

GREAT MILLS LEAGUE: Premier division: Bideford 2, Bristol Manor Farm 1; Chard 0, Paulton 3; Chippenham 0, Torrington 3; Clevedon 2, Taunton 0, Dawlish 0, Plymouth Argyle 4; Elmore 1, Saltash 2; Frome 1, Tiverton 3; Mangotsfield 1, Liskeard Athletic 0; Minehead 1, Torquay United 1; Westbury 1, Exmouth 0.

SOUTHERN OLYMPIAN LEAGUE: First division: Parkfield 3, Southgate 2; Witan 3, Grammarians 0

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ALTRINCHAM (1) 1 DAGENHAM (0) 0
Tunnicliffe 2
517

KETTERING (0) 0 BATH (1) 1
Crowley 27
1,185

KIDDRMNSTR (0) 1 YEOVIL (1) 1
Purdie 77; Spencer 3
1,257

SLOUGH (0) 0 NORTHWICH (4) 4
Hancock 15, 37 O'Connor 26 Hemmings 38
946

WOKING (1) 4 MACCLESFIELD (0) 0
Senior 31 Carroll 53 Brown 61 Steele 86
1,868

	P	HOME W	D	L	F	A	AWAY W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Wycombe	27	11	2	0	35	6	7	4	3	30	14	60
Slough	28	10	1	5	32	22	5	5	2	16	15	51
Dagenham	29	6	4	4	32	19	6	4	5	16	13	44
Woking	29	5	2	6	16	17	8	3	5	27	26	44
Bromsgrove	28	6	4	4	22	16	5	6	3	16	15	43
Northwich	28	3	3	7	14	16	9	2	4	34	15	41
Telford	27	6	3	4	22	19	5	5	4	18	18	41
Yeovil	28	8	2	2	22	10	3	5	6	11	19	40
Bath	26	6	4	3	20	16	4	3	6	17	15	37
Gateshead	27	6	5	4	17	14	4	2	6	18	23	37
Stalybridge	27	2	8	3	18	22	6	4	4	20	18	36
Kidderminstr	28	5	4	5	13	16	3	7	4	18	18	35
Kettering	28	8	3	5	27	21	1	5	7	16	27	35
Altrincham	27	4	5	5	14	18	5	2	6	13	17	34
Stafford	22	4	3	5	14	16	5	2	3	14	11	32
Runcorn	28	7	2	6	22	21	2	3	8	12	30	32
Farnborough	28	8	3	6	27	25	2	4	7	20	33	31
Welling	31	5	6	5	23	28	2	4	8	20	32	31
Merthyr	24	1	5	6	11	25	7	1	4	17	19	30
Witton	24	3	5	4	19	19	3	5	4	15	15	28
Macclesfield	26	4	3	4	14	12	4	1	10	14	26	28
Boston	29	3	4	6	16	22	3	4	9	18	29	26

NORTHERN LEAGUE: First division: Blyth Spartans 3, South Bank 1, Brandon 0, Seaham Red Star 1; Chester-le-Street 2, Consett 1; Easington Colliery 1, Durham City 1; Ferryhill Athletic 1, Stockton 2, Hebburn 1, Guisborough 2; Newcastle Blue Star 0, Billingham Synthonia 2; Peterlee Newtown 0, Murton 1, Tow Law 0, Whitby Town 0 (abandoned).

BASS NORTH WEST COUNTIES LEAGUE: First division: Atherton LR 1, Nantwich 0; Bamber Bridge 1, Bacup Borough 2; Blackpool Mechanics 0, Flixton 3, Bradford Park Avenue 2, Skelmersdale 0; Burscough 0, Maine Road (Man) 1; Chadderton 2, Darwen 2; Clitheroe 3, Kidsgrove Athletic 1; Eastwood Hanley 0, Prescot 3; Glossop North End 3, St Helens 5; Penrith 3, Blackpool Rovers 0; Salford City 1, Newcastle Town 1.

SOUTHERN AMATEUR LEAGUE: Old Parkonians 1, Civil Service 2; Old Bromleians 0, West Wickham 2; Old Actonians 1, South Bank Polytechnic 3; Old Esthameians 2, Midland Bank 1; Alexandra Park 0, Broomfield 4; Old Stationers 0, Lloyds Bank 0; Polytechnic 3, Barclays Bank 1, Kew Association 3, Old Salesians 2; Ibis 1, Lensbury 4; Old Westminster Citizens 1, Brentham 1; Bank of England 1, Cuaco 2; Old Latymerians 3, Alleyn Old Boys 0; Reigate Priory 1, Old Parmiterians 8; Old Lyonians 7, Merton 2; East Barnet OG 4, Royal Bank of Scotland 1.

Scottish League

Premier division

AIRDRIE (0) 0 HEARTS (0) 0
4,500

CELTIC (0) 0 PARTICK (0) 0
15,536

DUNDEE UTD (0) 0 RANGERS (0) 0
13,234

FALKIRK (0) 1 MOTHERWELL (2) 3
McCall 83; Weir 8 (og) McGrillen 11 Dolan 89
4,536

HIBERNIAN (0) 1 DUNDEE (1) 3
McGinlay 49; Stainrod 6 Dow 78 Kiwomya 87
5,681

ST JOHNSTONE (0) 0 ABERDEEN (1) 2
Jess 33 Booth 90
6,176

	P	HOME W	D	L	F	A	AWAY W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Rangers	29	13	2	0	37	9	9	4	1	33	14	50
Aberdeen	29	9	4	2	32	8	9	2	3	32	14	42
Celtic	30	6	5	4	24	16	7	8	2	21	15	37
Hearts	31	10	4	2	20	9	3	7	5	14	18	37
Dundee Utd	30	5	6	4	15	16	7	1	7	18	17	31
Hibernian	31	5	6	4	21	20	3	5	8	16	24	27
Dundee	30	8	2	7	19	23	3	6	6	20	25	26
St Johnstone	31	6	6	3	21	19	2	4	10	15	31	26
Partick	31	4	4	8	20	34	4	5	6	15	19	25
Motherwell	30	4	3	8	17	25	3	6	6	16	20	23
Falkirk	31	5	4	6	29	29	3	0	13	15	40	20
Airdrie	31	3	6	6	13	16	1	6	9	9	31	20

ARTHURIAN LEAGUE: Premier division: Old Chigwellians 2, Old Carthusians 1; Old Cholmeleians 5, Old Reptonians 1, Old Etonians 1, Lancing Old Boys 3. First division: Old Aldenhamians 2, Old Wellians 1, Old Westminsters 0, Old Brentwoods 3; Old Wykehamists 0, Old Salopians 3.

KONICA LEAGUE OF WALES: Abergavenny 0, Aberystwyth 1; Caersws 0, Connah's Quay 0; Ebbw Vale 2, Haverfordwest 2; Holywell 3, Flint Town United 1; Llanidloes 2, Mold 1; Newtown 1, Porthmadog 0.

SOUTH EAST COUNTIES LEAGUE: First division: Arsenal 2, Charlton 2; Gillingham 1, Southend 1; Ipswich 2, Fulham 0; Millwall 0, Cambridge United 2; Portsmouth 2, Norwich 0; QPR 2, Watford 3, Tottenham 2, West Ham 0. Second division: Brighton 2, Oxford United 1; Bristol Rovers 0, Brentford 1; Colchester 1, Tottenham 2; Crystal Palace 1, Swindon 1, Luton 3, Wimbledon 2; Reading 0, Bournemouth 1; Southampton 0, Bristol City 1

GERMAN LEAGUE: Dynamo Dresden 0, Eintracht Frankfurt 2; Bayern Munich 2, Bayer Uerdingen 0; Borussia Dortmund 1, VfL Bochum 0; Borussia Mönchengladbach 3, Karlsruhe 1; FC Saarbruecken 3, Bayer Leverkusen 1; VfB Stuttgart 1, Hamburger SV 1; Werder Bremen 3, FC Nuremberg 0, FC Cologne 0, FC Kaiserslautern 3; SG Wattenscheid 0, Schalke 0. Leading positions (after 18 matches). 1, Bayern Munich, 27 points; 2, Eintracht Frankfurt, 26; 3, Werder Bremen, 25.

FAI CUP: First round: Glenmore Celtic 4, Ashtown Villa 4. First-round replay: Bank Rovers 0, Tramore Athletic 3.

First division

CLYDEBANK (0) 0 HAMILTON (0) 1
Smith 66
876

DUNFERMLINE (1) 2 DUMBARTON (1) 2
Grant 45 Chalmers 47; Foster 43 McAnenay 70
2,542

KILMARNOCK (0) 1 COWDENBEATH (0) 1
Campbell 90; Henderson 53
2,928

MEADOWBANK (0) 1 RAITH (1) 1
Bailey 54; Dalziel 42
998

ST MIRREN (0) 1 AYR (0) 0
Lavety 72
3,000

STIRLING (0) 0 MORTON (1) 2
McArthur 38 Lilley 67
512

	P	HOME W	D	L	F	A	AWAY W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Raith	31	11	5	0	39	11	7	6	2	23	17	47
Dunfermline	31	9	3	3	25	15	9	1	6	26	17	40
Kilmarnock	31	9	3	3	29	11	7	4	5	17	17	39
St Mirren	31	8	4	3	24	12	8	3	5	19	23	39
Hamilton	30	8	5	2	26	13	5	4	6	20	15	35
Morton	31	8	2	6	28	20	6	5	4	21	18	35
Clydebank	31	7	5	3	26	13	3	4	9	22	34	29
Ayr	30	7	5	4	20	15	2	6	6	13	17	29
Dumbarton	30	7	1	8	24	27	4	2	8	21	32	25
Meadowbank	31	4	5	6	15	23	4	3	9	19	34	24
Stirling	31	3	3	9	11	23	2	6	8	15	22	19
Cowdenbeath	30	0	4	11	17	41	1	1	13	8	38	7

Second division

ALLOA (1) 1 ALBION (0) 0
Moffat 26
403

ARBROATH (1) 2 BRECHIN (0) 0
Sorbie 8 McNaughton 68
1,961

BERWICK (1) 3 QUEEN OF STH (0) 0
Tritant 15 Cunningham 84 Graham 86
329

CLYDE (2) 2 QUEEN'S PK (0) 3
Thompson 12 McFarlane 28 (pen); Thomson 54 (og) McCormick 56 Rodden 66
650

FORFAR (1) 1 E FIFE (1) 2
Petrie 34; Beaton 13 (pen) Hope 58
507

MONTROSE (1) 1 STENHSMUIR (2) 4
Clouston 14 (og); Steel 32 Mathieson 35 Fisher 50 Haddow 72
377

STRANRAER (0) 0 E STIRLING (0) 0
450

	P	HOME W	D	L	F	A	AWAY W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Brechin	28	10	2	1	29	11	6	4	3	17	10	38
Clyde	26	6	5	2	23	11	8	3	2	31	15	36
Stranraer	27	5	7	2	19	13	6	4	3	18	15	33
Alloa	27	7	3	4	21	19	6	4	3	21	17	33
Forfar	27	8	3	3	38	23	4	4	5	14	15	31
E Fife	27	5	3	5	23	22	7	3	4	31	18	30
Arbroath	26	5	4	5	22	21	6	2	4	14	14	28
Stenhsmuir	27	5	1	7	18	19	4	7	3	23	18	26
Berwick	27	6	3	5	25	22	4	1	8	17	29	24
Queen of S	27	4	3	8	15	15	4	4	6	22	30	23
E Stirling	26	3	3	6	17	26	4	3	7	25	37	20
Montrose	27	3	2	9	17	27	5	1	7	30	29	19
Queen's Park	27	4	2	7	20	25	2	3	9	16	27	17
Albion	27	3	5	5	15	23	1	3	10	9	27	16

BORD GAIS LEAGUE OF IRELAND: Premier division: Bohemians 0, Dundalk 1; Bray Wanderers 0, Waterford 1; Derry City 0, Shelbourne 2; Drogheda United 2, St Patrick's Athletic 0; Limerick 0, Cork City 1; Shamrock Rovers 0, Sligo Rovers 0. Leading positions (after 26 matches). 1, Cork City, 34 points, 2, Bohemians, 33; 3, Shelbourne, 32; 4, Derry City, 32, 5, Dundalk, 31; 6, Limerick, 25.

SPANISH LEAGUE: Atlético Madrid 2, Cádiz 0; Español 2, Real Oviedo 0; Real Zaragoza 2, Rayo Vallecano 0; Athletic Bilbao 0, Celta 1; Logroñés 2, Sevilla 0; Valencia 3, Osasuna 1; Deportivo Coruña 5, Real Sociedad 1, Real Burgos 0, Barcelona 1; Sporting Gijón 1, Tenerife 2.

Weekend statistics

TEDDY SHERINGHAM'S hat-trick moved him into third in the Premier League goalscorers' table on 20 while it was left to strikers in the lower divisions to climb nearer Whittingham's mark of 35 — Francis, of Stockport, on 26 and Foreman, of Scarborough, going to 25. Aston Villa, with three bookings at the weekend, surrendered the cleanest disciplinary record to Norwich

GOALSCORERS

Premier League	Lge	FA	LC	Oth	Tot
Shearer (Blackburn)	16	0	6	0	22
Wright (Arsenal)	11	7	4	0	22
Sheringham (Tottnhm)	13	4	3	0	20
Quinn (Coventry)	16	0	0	3	19
Hignett (Middlesbro)	11	4	3	0	18
Saunders (A Villa)	13	2	2	0	17
Chapman (Leeds)	12	1	2	2	17
White (Man City)	13	3	0	0	16
Cantona (Man Utd)	11	0	0	5	16
First division	**Lge**	**FA**	**LC**	**Oth**	**Tot**
Whittingham (Portsmth)	30	0	2	3	35
Aldridge (Tranmere)	19	1	2	2	24
Blissett (Brentford)	15	0	4	4	23
Furlong (Watford)	17	0	3	0	20
Kitson (Derby)	14	0	2	4	20
Maskell (Swindon)	17	0	1	1	19
Morley (West Ham)	16	1	0	1	18
Peacock (Newcastle)	12	2	2	2	18
Kelly (Newcastle)	13	1	2	1	17
Allen (West Ham)	12	1	0	3	16
Second division	**Lge**	**FA**	**LC**	**Oth**	**Tot**
Francis (Stockport)	18	2	2	4	26
Walker (Bolton)	17	4	1	2	24
Taylor (West Brom)	16	3	1	3	23
Stein (Stoke)	16	0	4	3	23
McCarthy (Bradford)	13	2	1	5	21
Quinn (Reading)	12	3	1	2	18
Saville (Hartlepool)	10	5	1	1	17
Taylor (Port Vale)	13	1	1	1	16
Third division	**Lge**	**FA**	**LC**	**Oth**	**Tot**
Foreman (Scarboro)	21	0	2	2	25
Griffiths (Shrewsbury)	18	2	1	1	22
Clarke (Walsall)	17	0	1	1	19
Bennett (Wrexham)	13	1	2	2	18
Bull (Barnet)	15	0	2	0	17
Stant (Cardiff)	13	0	1	1	15

Other goals include Autoglass Trophy, Anglo-Italian Cup, European cups and Charity Shield.

OFFENCES

FAIR PLAY	Sent off	Booked
Norwich	-	17
Aston Villa	-	18
Coventry	-	19
Newcastle	1	20
Scarborough	-	22
Peterborough	2	20
Leicester	3	22
Huddersfield	-	26
FOUL PLAY	**Sent off**	**Booked**
Torquay	3	63
Cambridge Utd	6	55
Colchester	2	58
Wimbledon	2	56
Reading	4	52
Sheff Utd	3	53

Offences do not include Anglo-Italian Cup matches.

ATTENDANCES

Division	Weekly total	Wkly avge	Wkly chng	91-2 chng
Prem (11)	239,897	21,809	+13.0	+0.9
Div 1 (12)	127,259	10,608	+7.4	+0.8
Div 2 (16)	94,702	5,919	+4.2	+9.1
Div 3 (14)	37,257	2,661	-25.5	-22.7

Highest/lowest of weekend. Premier League: 36,680 (Liverpool v Ipswich), 3,979 (Wimbledon v Sheff Utd). First division: 24,159 (West Ham v Newcastle), 5,135 (Bristol Rov v Tranmere). Second division: 16,494 (Stoke v Bradford); 1,912 (Chester v Hartlepool). Third division: 4,415 (Wrexham v Gillingham); 1,366 (Darlington v Chesterfield)

☐ Compiled by Julian Desborough

POOLS CHECK

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29
1	2	1	1	1½	1	1	1	1	1½	3●	1	1½	3●	2	1½	3●	1	1	1	1	3●	1½	1	1	1	1	1	1

30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40	41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48	49	50	51	52	53	54	55	56	57	58
1	3●	1	3●	1	1	1	1	3●	2	1	2	2	2	1½	1½	1½	1½	3●	3●	3●	1	1½	1	1	1	1½	1½	1½

FORECAST: Dividends will be good with 10 score-draws and six no-score draws. Telephone claims required for 24 points.

Triple crown awaits at Twickenham after captain's accurate kicking rewards Scotland's supremacy

Hastings blows hot to leave Wales becalmed

Scotland 20
Wales 0

BY DAVID HANDS
RUGBY CORRESPONDENT

THE Wales supporter queuing for his breakfast in an Edinburgh hotel on Saturday morning had an unerring sense of what was to come when he said: "Down to earth on Monday." Scotland derailed the Welsh bandwagon even while it was gathering momentum.

The honeymoon period for the Wales management could be over. Robert Norster and Alan Davies have worked wonders in a short time and they will probably still achieve their ambition for the season of two wins in the five nations' championship. But at Murrayfield their team was so bereft of all but brave defence that the doubting Thomases, and Joneses and Evanses, may creep up on them again.

This victory equalled Scotland's biggest winning margin in the series at Murrayfield, that fortress which has withstood so many assaults during Ian McGeechan's reign as coach. Of 19 matches since 1988, Scotland have lost only three, two of them to England, whom they meet at Twickenham on March 6 hoping for their eleventh triple crown.

"Not bad for a bunch of no-hopers," McGeechan said, referring to media comments after Scotland's trial at the new year. Not bad at all. Scotland have seldom controlled a game so comprehensively from start to finish, and but for valiant last-ditch tackles by Stuart Davies and Ieuan Evans, they would have scored far more than 20 points.

Yet only in the final quarter was there the quality that this championship so badly needs, as the Scottish forwards drove and rucked and drove again and enabled the Welsh to show that, whatever they lack, it is not heart. Tries are now so hard to score that it cannot be coincidence that this is the season of the controversial ruck-maul law, even though McGeechan is inclined to credit increased fitness levels of international players.

Instead we have penalties, five of them kicked by Gavin Hastings to go alongside Turnbull's try just before the interval. It was a masterful display by the Scotland captain. A day earlier he had expressed doubt about the effect the wind would have in the reconstructed stadium and, on match day, it duly blew to such an extent that Evans, having chosen to play as he thought against the elements, found the wind in his face in the second half, too.

Hastings drilled the ball through the gusts as though it was on a plumb line, three times in the first half, twice in the second before he proved human in the final quarter, when the verdict was not in doubt.

The Scots varied their tactics sensibly and their lineout was a work of art which Joel Dumé, the French referee, admired without reservation.

Even though the Welsh threw in more frequently, particularly in the first half, Scotland gathered the ball at a rate of two to one. Turnbull bumped and barged at the front, the dangerous Weir roved up and down, and Wales's only secure ball came from Llewellyn in defence. Jones had the ball in his hands half as much as Armstrong, in situations where virtually the only option was a defensive clearance.

So the Scotland halves dictated play, Armstrong's breaks causing no end of trouble and Chalmers enjoying what his coach described as "his best game for a long time in where he was putting the ball". One marvellous kick by Armstrong from his 22 to the other at the start of the second half proved a monstrous psychological blow; in that moment, Wales knew they could not rely on the wind to blow them into the Scottish half, where they could shape a game.

All they had were two forlorn penalty attempts, one in each half, by Jenkins. The Scotland try line was simply not under threat. "We came here with a fairly high level of confidence and they had shattered it midway through the second half," Evans said.

Rayer, the best of the Welsh backs, may regret not pushing ten yards upfield the grub kick by Scott Hastings that preceded the only try.

Cronin won the lineout and Turnbull and Morrison wedged forward. Dumé, positioned on the wrong side of the wedge, peeled away the bodies before awarding the try. But it was a fair try and entirely deserved.

On Friday, at Edinburgh, a horse named The Red One romped home in the 4.15; 24 hours later, The Blue Ones had done much the same.

SCORERS: Scotland: Try: Turnbull. Penalty goals: G Hastings (5).
SCOTLAND: A G Hastings (Watsonians, captain); A G Stanger (Hawick), S Hastings (Watsonians), A G Shiel (Melrose), D A Stark (Boroughmuir); C M Chalmers (Melrose), G Armstrong (Jed-Forest); P H Wright (Boroughmuir), K S Milne (Heriot's FP), A P Burnell (London Scottish), D J Turnbull (Hawick), A I Reed (Bath), D F Cronin (London Scottish), I R Morrison (London Scottish), G W Weir (Melrose).
WALES: M A Rayer (Cardiff); I C Evans (Llanelli, captain), M R Hall (Cardiff), I S Gibbs (Swansea), W T Proctor (Llanelli); N R Jenkins (Pontypridd), R N Jones (Swansea); R L Evans (Llanelli), N Meek (Pontypool), H Williams-Jones (South Wales Police), E W Lewis (Llanelli), G O Llewellyn (Neath), A H Copsey (Llanelli), R E Webster (Swansea), S Davies (Swansea).
Referee: J Dumé (France).

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Scotland	3	2	0	1	38	14	4
France	3	2	0	1	47	25	4
England	2	1	0	1	25	25	2
Wales	2	1	0	1	10	28	2
Ireland	2	0	0	2	9	36	0

RESULTS: January 16: England 16, France 15; Scotland 15, Ireland 3. February 6: France 11, Scotland 3; Wales 10, England 9. February 20: Scotland 20, Wales 0; Ireland 6, France 21.
GAMES TO COME: March 6: England v Scotland, Wales v Ireland. March 20: France v Wales, Ireland v England.

IAN STEWART

Flat out: Jones, the Wales scrum half, goes to ground as Armstrong bursts clear and prompts another Scotland attack at Murrayfield

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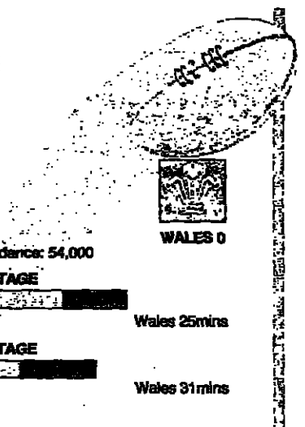

SCOTLAND 20 — WALES 0
Attendance: 54,000

TERRITORIAL ADVANTAGE
Scotland 59mins — Wales 25mins

POSSESSION ADVANTAGE
Scotland 39mins — Wales 31mins

SCRUMS

	Award	Won	Ag hd	Void
Scotland	11	9	1	2
Wales	13	7	0	5

LINEOUTS

	Award	Won	Void
Scotland	23	29	2
Wales	30	17	5

HALF BACKS

	Received	Run	Kick	Pass
Armstrong	44	4	2	38
Jones	20	0	2	18
Chalmers	35	3	11	18
Jenkins	18	1	6	7

PENALTIES

	Award	Tap	Goal	Miss
Scotland	14	1	5	2
Wales	15	1	0	2

KICKS AT GOAL

	Total	Con	Miss
G Hastings	8	5	3
Jenkins	2	0	2

Statistics compiled by Unisys

Flip side of success provides perspective

GERALD DAVIES
At Murrayfield

Words are fine but deeds are better. To convert the one to the other is a matter of belief and conviction, not artificial persuasion that fails to convince. It is a matter of having seen this done that and being able to draw the appropriate lessons from the experience. Experience represents a large percentage of the accumulated knowledge of the winner.

So that, for all the talk about being realistic about their victory over England and having their feet firmly back on the earth and keeping everything in proportion, Wales's desultory actions against Scotland on Saturday suggest that their heads had not emerged fully from the clouds.

The air of unreality and boundless delight attendant on their success against England in Cardiff two Saturdays ago did not subside in the cold light of Monday morning. It continued unabated. The players could hardly have been expected to be inured to it. To have come down with a crunch against Scotland is, for the raw player, the other side of the same coin. They will live and learn. Maturity brings perspective.

"The deeply felt emotions and disappointment today tempers the euphoria of two weeks ago," Bob Norster, the Wales team manager, said. This team knows the exhilaration of a remarkable triumph and the despondency of disastrous failure. But can they now treat them just the same and, in this morning's more cruel light, absorb the cautionary tale of what a tough school international competition is?

The next game is always the hardest, whoever the opposition may be and regardless of what has gone before. They should therefore not exaggerate this failure in the way that they blew out of all proportion the significance of England's defeat.

This Welsh team, as it begins to crawl its way out of the hole Welsh rugby has dug for itself over the years, has to learn such lessons afresh. To have won and to have lost in so short a space ought now to concentrate their minds.

If these concerns are of mental hardness, there are other issues of more immediate, practical nature and in which Wales are seriously deficient. If possession from the lineout had improved significantly during Wales's previous two encounters, it sailed adrift again in the wind at Murrayfield when they lost to the ratio of two to one. No team can exist on such a meagre diet.

Wales depends largely on defensive qualities, and however much these have improved, it is too much to expect them to continue into every game and to depend constantly on them.

In none of the last three games have Wales's opponents had to worry unduly about their defence. They were allowed to exist comfortably. There was no constant threat of attack from Wales, which can only come from the fundamental matter of winning guaranteed possession at the lineout.

If there is no prospect of improvement, Wales will continue to rely on the kind of defensive cover that ensured, in the final quarter of an hour, that it was desperate, last-ditch tackling which prevented Scotland from increasing their lead.

Equally, more attention must be paid to the scrummage, where the link between back row and scrum half, against Scotland as much as against England, has surprisingly come unstuck. There is too much uncertainty in both areas of set-piece play.

Inept Irish backs allow French sloppiness to go unpunished

Ireland 6
France 21

FROM PETER BILLS
IN DUBLIN

IN THE vineyards of Burgundy and Bordeaux, a wine as modest as the 1993 five nations' championship would be swiftly consigned to the export market, rather than the memory. Nobody, except perhaps the Irish forwards, emerged with much credit from a scrappy international at Lansdowne Road that epitomised the poverty of so much of this season's play.

France scored two tries in the last seven minutes but one again came from the ubiquitous kick into space. The other was a straightforward touchdown by Sella, who stepped past a tired, broken defence. Such has been the pattern this season under new laws that were promised to herald an era of attacking rugby.

France's game was a litany of errors but there is such a dearth of talent in Ireland's back line that the considerable efforts of their forwards went to waste. Ammunition was plentiful, even if the delivery of the ball from the forward base was generally too slow: 20 scrums for Ireland against seven, parity in the lineouts and a penalty and free-kick advantage of 19-11. The Irish defence was greatly improved yet it came to nought in an eleventh successive international defeat.

To hear the Irish management conceding that its players were working hard on fitness levels was an indictment of standards in Irish rugby. If international players are not fit enough by late February, something is amiss. Yet those such as Francis and O'Hara, thought least likely to last the pace, did better than most. Galwey and Popplewell also excelled.

Victory for the French sets them up for a likely share of the championship. But Pierre Berbizier, the France coach, condemned his players despite their win by a goal, a try, two penalty goals and a dropped goal to two penalty goals. He bemoaned their lack of efficiency, concession of too many penalties and constant individual mistakes.

Had the Irish backs performed the simplest tactical operations, they might have won. But Bradley played hesitantly at scrum half, especially into the wind. He seemed undecided on a kicking or passing game. This was no help to Malone, who has still to come to terms with the pace and quality of internationals.

The angles of attack were predictable and substandard. Their passing was laboured and they lacked pace. Even with the referee penalising back-line offside more than most, Ireland rarely managed to break through the gain line. The need for a midfield tactician is paramount, which explains the Irish coach's pleas to Brendan Mullin to return.

Having lost the toss, Ireland needed points by half-time with a powerful wind at their backs. Malone landed two penalties for a 6-0 lead but missed a simple first chance and later hit a post.

By the interval France had broken out twice, for Camberabero to drop a goal and land a penalty.

The Irish forwards continued to frustrate the French in the second half. Camberabero's goal made it 9-6 but the Irish hung on, chiefly through French failings. After Saint-André poached a try from Hueber's kick that caught Wallace off guard, Sella's try was academic.

SCORERS: Ireland: Penalty goals: Malone (2). France: Tries: Saint-André, Sella. Conversion: Camberabero. Penalty goals: Camberabero (2). Dropped goal: Camberabero.
IRELAND: G P Clarke (Terenure College); S P Geoghegan (London Irish), V J G Cunningham (St Mary's College), P P A Danaher (Garryowen; rep: B T Glennon, Lansdowne), R M Wallace (Garryowen); N G Malone (London Irish), M T Bradley (Cork Constitution, capt); N J Popplewell (Greystones), T J Kingston (Dolphin), P M Clohessy (Young Munster), P T O'Hara (Cork Constitution), P S Johns (Dungarvan), N P J Francis (Black Rock), W D McBride (Malone), M J Galwey (Shannon).
FRANCE: J-B Lafond (Bègles); P Saint-André (Montdemarsan), P Sella (Agen), T Lacroix (Dax), P Hontas (Biarritz); D Camberabero (Béziers), A Hueber (Toulon); L Armary (Lourdes), J-F Tordo (Nice, capt), L Saigne (Merignac), P Benetton (Agen), A Benazzi (Agen), O Roumat (Dax), L Cabannes (Racing Club de France), M Cécillon (Bourgoin).
Referee: D Leslie (Scotland).

Seeking support: Cabannes is tackled by Clarke

Yorkshire feed off Buckton

BY BARRY TROWBRIDGE

FOR the first time in a 105-year history that has encompassed six formats, Lancashire and Yorkshire will meet in the county championship final, at Twickenham on April 17.

Cornwall lost 20-3 to Yorkshire in a rare defeat at The Recreation Ground, where Peter Buckton, the Yorkshire open-side flanker, was in the thick of everything, although not always legally. He capped his afternoon with a surging run from the back of a lineout on the ten-metre line that sent Tipping, from a pass by Vyvyan, in for a try.

After a first half dominated by Yorkshire prowess at lineouts, the visitors pulled steadily clear. Liley converted Tipping's effort and kicked a second penalty goal to make it 13-3. When Cornwall tried to turn a scrum 15 metres from their line through 90 degrees, Yorkshire held their direction and Crowley wriggled over for the score. After missing five penalty attempts, Liley was delighted with his conversion from the left-hand touchline.

Playing their semi-final at Orrell, Lancashire had their pack to thank for the 17-11 defeat of Middlesex.

With a strong wind behind them, a try by Paul Hamer and four penalty goals by Gerry Ainscough took them 17-5 clear by half-time, and they restricted Middlesex to two penalty goals, kicked by Paul Challinor, which supplemented Chris Tarbuck's first-half try.

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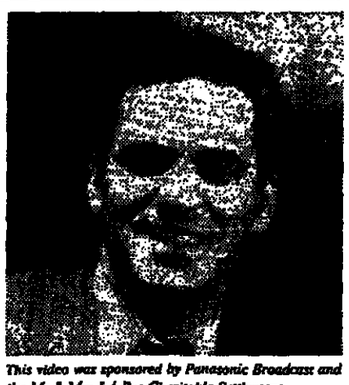

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Yorkshire trainer believes steeplechasing will be Coulton's forte

Easterby plays down Champion claim

BY RICHARD EVANS
RACING CORRESPONDENT

ED BYRNE
Spectacular lift-off: Wonder Man leads eventual winner Sybillin over the last at Nottingham on Saturday

WHITHER or not Coulton wins the Champion Hurdle — and following the farcically slow run Tote City Trial at Nottingham on Saturday, no-one is any the wiser — Mick Easterby was insistent yesterday his six-year-old will become the National Hunt star of the nineties.

"He will take the place of Desert Orchid," the Yorkshire trainer said. "I think he will get three miles one day and will win a Gold Cup. I said that before he ever ran because he had been schooled over fences and he was priceless."

RICHARD EVANS

Nap: Kingstone Brown (3.20 Southwell)
Next best: Easthorpe (2.10 Wolverhampton)

Given the more immediate target of the Champion Hurdle, it may appear rather premature to be talking about chasing's top prizes. However, by his own admission, the tilt at the hurdling crown has happened more by accident than design and victory would be an unexpected bonus.

"I was not really intending to go for the Champion Hurdle. I was planning to go for one or two nice races and then go chasing next year but Coulton's abilities have forced my hand.

"I'm not really excited about the Champion Hurdle because I think his future is over fences. He will be outstanding when he goes chasing."

The 32 seconds it took Coulton and his four rivals to reach the first flight at Nottingham, due to the reluctance of anyone to make the running, rendered the race useless as far as Champion Hurdle clues were concerned.

However, given the unsuitable slow pace and the need for Mark Dwyer to lead much earlier than he would have liked, Coulton won well. His jumping is particularly smooth. At Cheltenham, he will be suited by the strong pace likely to be set by David Elsworth's front-running Muse.

After Saturday's non-event, Easterby initially considered giving Coulton a "real race" at Haydock this Friday, but as he spoke the entry time had already passed. Instead, Dwyer and Easterby will complete the preparation at home.

The race left bookmakers puzzled. William Hill promoted Coulton to 9-2 favouritism, Corals left him alone at 5-1 behind market leader Muse, while Ladbrokes extended their price from 5-1 to 6-1.

Elsewhere on the Champion Hurdle front, Morley Street worked well on Saturday. His appearance in the Kingwell Hurdle at Wincanton on Thursday hinges on the outcome of Richard Dunwoody partnering Flown at Fontwell today. If Dunwoody subsequently commits himself to Flown for the Champion Hurdle, Morley Street will run to provide race experience for a replacement jockey.

The drying conditions may prevent Cool Ground running in the Ford Challenge Cup at Wincanton, in which case last year's Cheltenham Gold Cup winner will go to the festival without another run. Romany King, also trained by Toby Balding, will be ridden by Adrian Maguire in Saturday's Racing Post Chase in the absence of Richard Guest.

While there was little to learn from Coulton's race, the Nottinghamshire Novices' Chase produced a race worthy of the Arkle itself. Sybillin confirmed himself a high-class novice as he strode away from Wonder Man after the final fence.

In fairness to Wonder Man, who gave a faultless display of jumping, he did all the donkey work by setting a good pace from the start, and he effectively teed up the race for his chief rival. As Jimmy Fitzgerald commented afterwards: "The Arkle is on a different day at a very different place. But it is hard to see the form being turned round, especially as a blood test on Sybillin last Wednesday showed him "not to be 100 per cent right."

Fitzgerald said before the race he would go home on a bicycle if Sybillin lost. With Bellton providing the in-form trainer with a Nottingham double, the return journey must have been by magic carpet. "At least I can throw the bicycle clips away."

Litston in critical condition after fall at Larkhill

POINT-TO-POINT BY BRIAN BEEL

JENNY Litston is in a critical condition on a life support system at Southampton General Hospital after a fall at the United Services point-to-point meeting at Larkhill on Saturday.

The 1988 ladies' champion was riding the five-year-old debutant Cloud Cuckoo in the maiden. The mare fell on top of her at the third fence and she sustained serious head injuries.

Ironically, Litston was riding Cloud Cuckoo for Richard Barber as the intended rider, Justin Farthing, could not do the weight.

As a result of the exemplary organisation by the officials and police, the air ambulance, called from Andover, arrived to carry out the air-lift to Southampton within 20 minutes of the accident.

The St John Ambulance Brigade and course doctors, who had been promptly on the scene, were immediately in action again in the next two races.

Robert Alner, the reigning champion and leader in this year's title race, had his leg broken in a collision with another horse as he and Young Brave went over the second fence in a division of the maiden.

He remained in the saddle for a dozen strides, but then rolled off the horse. He was subsequently taken to Odstock Hospital, also in Southampton, where he has been detained in traction after having his leg pinned.

The same hospital also received Malcolm Batters, who sustained a heavy fall. He was still unconscious when he left the course but, happily, soon recovered and he has been discharged.

Alner is out for the rest of the season but no decision has yet been made as to who will be deputising for him on the powerful Harry Wellstead string.

The mishap to the favourite for this year's riding title has thrown the championship wide open. Alistair Crow heartened his supporters on Saturday with a treble at the West Shropshire.

Another sad event on Saturday was the death of George Vergette's once useful hunter chaser Perroquet at the Essex Farmers.

On a lighter note, there was understandably no support from connections for Spring Hill Spirit, who drifted from even money to 7-2 in the first division of the maiden race at the South Durham.

Although displayed on the number board, it was soon evident when the race started that he was not present. He had not been declared as a runner and bookmakers deducted 20p in the pound from winning bets.

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FONTWELL PARK

THUNDERER
2.00 Gold Medal. 3.30 Calabrese.
2.30 GENERAL MERCHANT (nap). 4.00 Vodka Fizz.
3.00 Flown. 4.30 Hurricane Blake.

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 4.00 AMBROSE.

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM SIS

2.00 MIDHURST CLAIMING HURDLE (£1,719: 2m 2f) (7 runners)

1 6L421 GOLD MEDAL 97 (D,F,G,S) (Pipe/Scudamore Racing Club) M Pipe 5-12-0 P Scudamore 98
2 983U SURE PRIDE 7 (J Smith (Chislehurst) Ltd) A Moore 5-11-6 G Moore 82
3 43F30 EMSBOY 41 (S) (P Cundell) P Cundell 5-11-5 A Maguire [illegible]
4 2-30P0 WALKING SAINT 9 (Roe Racing Ltd) Graeme Roe 5-11-1 Mr T Jenks (7) 83
5 6/0 JEBALI 14 (Mrs L Browning) D Browning 5-11-0 J Akehurst –
6 0 MY BOOKS ARE BEST 72 (M Green) H Willis 4-11-0 D O'Sullivan (3) –
7 CHERRYWOOD LASS 11F (Mrs R Smith) R Curtis 5-10-9 D Morris –

BETTING: 1-2 Gold Medal, 4-1 Emsboy, 8-1 Sure Pride, 12-1 Cherrywood Lass, 20-1 Walking Saint, 33-1 Jebali, My Books Are Best.

1992: TOM CLAPTON 5-12-0 P Scudamore (4-11 fav) M Pipe 14 ran

FORM FOCUS

GOLD MEDAL beat Casienne 5l in an 8-runner claimer hurdle at Warwick last time out (2m 4f 110yd, soft).
SURE PRIDE 2¾l 3rd of 14 to Captain Dolford in a novice hurdle over course and distance on penultimate start (good to soft), with JEBALI 50l 9th.
EMSBOY 65l 7th of 10 to Alcoy in a novice hurdle at Lingfield (AW, 2m 2f, standard).
WALKING SAINT tailed off 9th of 10 to Land Afar in a novice hurdle at Uttoxeter (2m, good to soft).
MY BOOKS ARE BEST 74l 7th of 11 to Dare To Dream in the grade II Summit Junior Hurdle at Lingfield (2m 110yd, soft).
CHERRYWOOD LASS showed little from 6f-1m 2f on the Flat.
Selection: GOLD MEDAL

2.30 WITTERING SELLING HANDICAP CHASE (£2,86: 2m 3f) (11 runners)

1 51P024 SKIPPING TIM 9 (C,F,G,S) (Miss H Bisgrove) M Pipe 14-12-0 P Scudamore 98
2 14240/ MALLYPHA 680 (F,G,S) (S Whiting) P Howling 9-11-2 D O'Sullivan (3) –
3 51PU4P PANTECHNICON 104 (C,D,F,G,S) (Mrs J Salter) A Barrow 13-10-13 Peter Hobbs 91
4 6-10322 FIGHTING DAYS 102 (C,F) (P Higson) A Moore 7-10-10 G Moore 95
5 1-13213 GENERAL MERCHANT 6 (B,CD,BF,F,G,S) (Mrs S Tate) R Hodges 13-10-9 R Dunwoody [illegible]
6 5P405P PATS MINSTREL 25 (B,G) (K Hunt) R Champion 10-10-2 A Maguire 93
7 06-6FU5 RYMOLBREESE 7 (Breener Fabrications Ltd) A James 8-10-0 R Bellamy 80
8 F0403P KITTY BUTLER 11 (Mrs J Coleman) P Butler 7-10-0 Mr C Bonner (7) 80
9 0P6-P60 WINNING DANCER 18 (S) (Friday Night Racing Club) Miss L Bower 10-10-0 D Gallagher 80
10 2UUU55 DIZZY DEALER 31 (BF) (R Graham) Mrs J Jordan 6-10-0 M Sharratt 96
11 74303/ SHIKABELL 850 (F) (L Wadge) M Maggendge 9-10-0 W Irvine –

BETTING: 7-4 General Merchant, 11-4 Skipping Tim, 5-1 Fighting Days, 6-1 Dizzy Dealer, 8-1 Pantechnicon, 14- Shikabell, 20-1 others.

1992: GENERAL MERCHANT 12-10-10 A Tory (11-2) R Hodges 11 ran

FORM FOCUS

SKIPPING TIM 1½l 2nd of 6 to Playpen in a claiming chase at Lingfield on penultimate start (2m 4f 110yd, heavy). PANTECHNICON 13½l last of 4 to St Athans Lad in a handicap chase over course and distance on penultimate start (good to firm). FIGHTING DAYS neck 2nd of 10 to Trojan Call in a handicap chase at Plumpton on penultimate start (2m 5f, good). GENERAL MERCHANT 25l last of 3 finishers to Sirrah Jay in a claiming chase at Lingfield last time out (2m 4f 110yd, good to soft). Previously, beat Radical Request 6l in a 17-runner selling handicap chase at Towcester (2m 110yd, soft), with WINNING DANCER 77l 10th. RYMOLBREESE 23½l 5th of 12 to Barnica in a novice chase at Hereford (2m 3f, good).
Selection: SKIPPING TIM

3.00 NATIONAL SPIRIT CHALLENGE TROPHY HURDLE (£4,844: 2m 2f) (5 runners)

1 145-532 FLOWN 56 (B,F,G) (E P Winfield) N Henderson 6-11-10 R Dunwoody [illegible]
2 11- MASAI MARA 191F (F,G) (D Smith) J Fitch-Heyes 5-11-2 A Maguire 60
3 3-31241 DANCING PADDY 23 (CD,S) K Cunningham-Brown 5-10-12 D O'Sullivan 82
4 300-P44 HIGHLAND BOUNTY 11 (CD,F,G) (Mrs S Crewe) S Dow 9-10-9 W McFarland 51
5 420410 KETTI 16 (V,CD,F,G,S) (Berkshire Components Ltd) D Williams 8-10-7 P Scudamore 87

BETTING: 1-2 Flown, 5-1 Masai Mara, 6-1 Dancing Paddy, 8-1 Ketti, 16-1 Highland Bounty.

1992: HONEST WORD 7-10-12 P Scudamore (5-4 fav) M Pipe 6 ran

FORM FOCUS

FLOWN 5l 2nd of 8 to Mighty Mogul in the grade I Bonusprint Christmas Hurdle at Kempton (2m, good to soft).
MASAI MARA beat Gallateen 2l in an 8-runner novice hurdle at Ayr (2m, good). DANCING PADDY beat Sabaki River 8l in a 10-runner handicap hurdle at Cheltenham (2m 1f, soft). HIGHLAND BOUNTY 13l 4th of 12 to Fierce in a handicap hurdle at Huntingdon (2m 110yd, soft). KETTI beat Primitive Singer 10l in a 12-runner handicap hurdle at Kempton (2m 5f, soft).
Selection: FLOWN

3.30 JOHN ROGERSON MEMORIAL CHALLENGE TROPHY HANDICAP CHASE (£3,427: 3m 2f 110yd) (6 runners)

1 F-13U00 CALABRESE 16 (B,CD,F,G,S) (Mrs A Fagan) N Henderson 8-12-0 R Dunwoody 93
2 2UUGU4 BORACEVA 14 (CD,BF,F,G,S) (Duke of Atholl) G Balding 10-11-7 A Maguire [illegible]
3 F-P3045 MISTER ED 19 (D,F,G,S) (The Talking Horse Partnership) R Curtis 10-11-1 D Morris 98
4 UPP-26P DAMERS CAVALRY 89 (CD,F,G) (Mrs T Shields) R Lee 10-10-9 R Greene (3) 90
5 453P-R5 PUKKA MAJOR 14 (F,G,S) (Mrs S Thomson Jones) T Thomson Jones 12-10-0 A Tory 85
6 UPPR0U LITTLE GENERAL 5 (D,F) (L Robinson) R Rowe 10-10-0 Peter Hobbs 74

Long handicap: Pukka Major 9-12, Little General 9-2

BETTING: 7-4 Calabrese, 3-1 Boraceva, 4-1 Mister Ed, 7-1 Damers Cavalry, 16-1 Pukka Major, 40-1 Little General.

1992: TEAM CHALLENGE 10-11-8 M Pitman (7-2) Mrs J Pitman 5 ran

FORM FOCUS

CALABRESE beat Mavernish 6l in a 4-runner handicap chase at Hereford (2m 3f, heavy). BORACEVA 10½l 4th of 7 to Gold Cap in a handicap chase over course and distance (good to soft), with PUKKA MAJOR 30l 5th. MISTER ED 27½l 5th to Dandy Minstrel in a handicap chase at Windsor (3m, soft). DAMERS CAVALRY 30l 2nd of 8 to Silver Hello in a handicap chase at Market Rasen (3m 1f, good to firm).
Selection: BORACEVA

4.00 D E & J LEVY NOVICES CHASE (£2,063: 2m 2f) (7 runners)

1 /25-1P SHANAGHEY WEST 18 (D,G,S) (Mrs T McCoubrey) J Jenkins 9-11-10 R Dunwoody 76
2 F5-U23B AMBROSE 23 (F,G) R Johnson Houghton 6-11-4 Mr G Johnson Houghton [illegible]
3 F-5RSPU CAN'T DISCLOSE 14 (F) (Mrs J Fountain) Miss H Knight 12-11-4 J Duggan 74
4 PPPPP-B DEVON ZIPPER 18 (G Roe) G Roe 8-11-4 R Darke (7) –
5 F-PPP33 HAMPER 7 (B,G,S) (N Hoare) N Mitchell 10-11-4 A Tory 76
6 41/0002 VODKA FIZZ 17 (S) (D Richardson Horse Racing Ltd) J Gifford 8-11-4 D Murphy 86
7 /60P-00 MILLIE BELLE 22 (CD,F) (L Fuller) Miss B Sanders 7-10-13 A Maguire –

BETTING: Evens Ambrose, 5-2 Vodka Fizz, 4-1 Shanaghey West, 10-1 Can't Disclose, 14-1 Hamper, 25-1 Millie Belle, 40-1 Devon Zipper.

1992: LIADETT 7-11-10 P Scudamore (1-6 fav) M Pipe 5 ran

FORM FOCUS

SHANAGHEY WEST beat Woody Will 6l in a 4-runner novice chase at Lingfield (2m, heavy). AMBROSE 6¼l 3rd of 9 to Richville in a novice chase here (2m 3f, soft), with HAMPER tailed off when pulled up.
CAN'T DISCLOSE 23l 3rd of 13 to Dacab in a novice chase at Ludlow (2m 4f, good). HAMPER 15l 3rd of 5 to Briggs Builders in a handicap chase at Plumpton (2m, good). VODKA FIZZ 20l 2nd of 3 to Hawthorn Blaze in a novice chase at Lingfield (2m 4f 110yd, soft).
Selection: AMBROSE

4.30 FEBRUARY NOVICES HURDLE (£1,475: 2m 6f) (9 runners)

1 41-122 HURRICANE BLAKE 9 (D,G) (P Rylands) D Grissell 5-11-12 Peter Hobbs [illegible]
2 /1/2-154 IRISH BAY 12 (BF,F,G,S) (R Shaw) N Henderson 7-11-12 R Dunwoody 77
3 04P CARABUCK 18 (Runfold Racing Club) R Rowe 6-11-6 T Grantham –
4 354224 DARKBROOK 68 (W Dore) D Gandolfo 6-11-6 R Holley 58
5 5 JUST BALLYTOO 14 (Mrs B Gordon) P Jones 6-11-6 D Leahy (5) –
6 00P LE DENSTAN 39 (S Powell) P Hedger 8-11-6 I Lawrence –
7 6/0/F4P PROVING 20 (Mrs I Spalter) J Gifford 9-11-6 E Murphy 52
8 24 ELECTRIC BUCK 14 (R Alner) R Alner 5-11-1 A Maguire 60
9 0 WINNING CALL 67 (H Willis) H Willis 6-11-1 Mr J Mason –

BETTING: Evens Hurricane Blake, 3-1 Irish Bay, 13-2 Darkbrook, 8-1 Electric Buck, 14-1 Carabuck, 16-1 Proving, 25-1 others.

1992: MANDIKA 4-10-9 S Keightley (11-4) M Jarvis 13 ran

FORM FOCUS

HURRICANE BLAKE 1½l 2nd of 10 to Simpson in a handicap hurdle at Newbury last time out (3m 110yd, good).
IRISH BAY 14½l 4th of 9 to Bold Boss in a novice hurdle at Ascot (2m 110yd, good to soft). CARABUCK 10l 4th of 17 to Martin's Lamp in a novice hurdle at Towcester (2m, heavy). DARKBROOK 23l 4th of 10 to Better Times Ahead in a novice chase at Bangor (3m 4f 110yd, soft). PROVING 39l 4th of 10 to Grand Hawk in a novice hurdle at Kempton (2m 5f, soft).
ELECTRIC BUCK 3l 4th of 14 to Captain Dolford in a novice hurdle here (2m 2f, good to soft).
Selection: HURRICANE BLAKE (nap)

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS	Wins	Rns	%	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	%
M Pipe	33	88	37.5	P Scudamore	25	68	36.8
Miss H Knight	6	16	37.5	Peter Hobbs	16	68	23.5
Miss B Sanders	9	36	25.0	W McFarland	6	27	22.2
D Grissell	11	50	22.0	A Maguire	13	65	20.0
G Balding	18	89	20.2	A Tory	10	50	20.0
J Gifford	34	169	20.1	D Morris	14	71	19.7

☐ David Elsworth confirmed that Muse, his Champion Hurdle contender, will run at Wincanton on Thursday. Elsworth reported Muse to be "jumping out of his skin", as he prepares the six-year-old for the Kingwell Hurdle. Elsworth added, with typical confidence: "Muse definitely runs at Wincanton, and will win pulling a milk float!"

Notable landmark for Pipe

MARTIN Pipe celebrated his 1,500th jumping winner in Britain at Chepstow on Saturday. This came 18 years after he gained his first training success, in a Taunton seller.

The majority of his winners lead from start to finish, and Milford Quay was no exception when he achieved Pipe's notable landmark with a superb round of jumping in the Mitsubishi Shogun Chase.

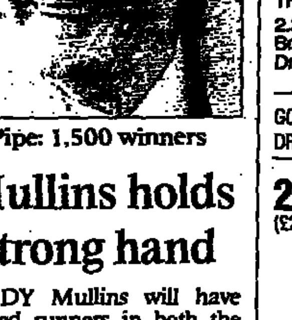
Peter Scudamore needed a big leap from Milford Quay at the final fence to see off the challenging Its Nearly Time, and the horse responded in style, going on to win by two-and-a-half lengths.

Pipe boasts a magnificent Chepstow record, which includes landing a five-timer and saddling the first four home in this season's Welsh National.

Pipe said: "I've been so lucky here over the years and clerk of the course, Rodger Farrant, tells me he is thinking of renaming it Pipestow.

"Every winner gives me a kick, even the small fish are sweet in a modest seller, but I'll always remember with special affection Baron Blakeney's 66-1 win in the Daily Express Triumph Hurdle in 1981 — that was our first big winner."

Now on 129 winners for the season, Pipe is 4-1 with William Hill to beat his all-time record of 230.


Pipe: 1,500 winners

Mullins holds strong hand

PADDY Mullins will have fancied runners in both the major novice hurdles at Cheltenham next month (Our Irish Racing Correspondent writes). He defined his plans after Bucks-Choice had beaten old rival Bayrouge by six lengths in the Irish National Hunt Novice Hurdle Series final at Punchestown yesterday.

"He may not be as brilliant as Boro Eight," said Mullins, "but he does stay exceptionally well and I will therefore aim him at the Sun Alliance Novices' Hurdle leaving Boro Eight for the two-mile Supreme Novices' Hurdle."

Soft Day earned a tilt at the Arkle Trophy with a fine victory over Tired Quarter in the Diners' Club Chase.

Noel Meade has abandoned hope of trying to get Tiananmen Square fit in time for the festival.

WOLVERHAMPTON

THUNDERER
2.10 Holy Wanderer. 2.40 Royal Flamingo. 3.10 Our Fellow. 3.40 Meleagris. 4.10 Cwm Gwaun. 4.40 Miss Capulet. 5.10 Corals Dream.
Brian Beel: 4.10 Falside.

GOING: GOOD (GOOD TO SOFT PATCHES ON HURDLES COURSE) SIS

2.10 WEST PARK NOVICES HURDLE (Div I: £1,484: 2m 110yd) (15 runners)

1 15 PERFAY 9 (D,S) J Fanshawe 5-11-10 G McCourt
2 6P20 EASTHORPE 9 Miss H Knight 5-11-4 J Osborne
3 1-08 FAIR PLUME 13 (F) Mrs A King 7-11-4 Mr N Bradley (7)
4 600 MOBILE MESSENGER 70 D Barons 5-11-4 J Frost
5 -006 MUCH 5 Mrs A Price 6-11-4 Mr C Campbell (7)
6 -263 PANDY 11 G Thorner 7-11-4 R Farrant (5)
7 SHANAKEE 90F K Bridgwater 6-11-4 D Bridgwater
8 34P6 STERLING BUCK 7 G Yardley 6-11-4 W Marston (3)
9 0PP BERRY'S SKY LARK 45 F Jordan 6-10-13 J Lodder
10 DEEP SELECTION 985F F Smith 5-10-13 C Llewellyn
11 EASTER TERM 16F M Channon 5-10-13 Lorna Vincent
12 0P LITTLETON LULLABY 17 B Meehan 8-10-13 M Hourigan (3)
13 /P TUESDAY BROWN 19 P Hobbs 9-10-13 B Clifford (3)
14 353F HOLY WANDERER 16 D Arbuthnot 4-10-8 G Upton
15 TRONCHETTO 288F J J O'Neill 4-10-8 G Bradley

6-4 Holy Wanderer, 9-4 Perfay, 6-1 Easthorpe, 8-1 Pandy, 12-1 others.

2.40 CHESTERTON NOVICES HANDICAP CHASE (£2,251: 2m) (9)

1 2-F2 MONDAY CLUB 20 (F,G) J Tuck 9-11-10 S McNeill
2 0F32 IVORS GUEST 10 (V,F,S) R Lee 7-11-7 D Tegg
3 1F-P CHIMES OF THE DAWN 9 (S) J Mackie 9-11-6 T Eley (5)
4 1/U NOBLE BEN 20 (G) K Bailey 9-11-5 J Railton
5 3600 KNIGHTS 14 (G) C Broad 7-11-5 Jacqui Oliver
6 /PPF SEMAPHORE HILL 19 (B,F) P Hobbs 9-11-0 M Hourigan (3)
7 -133 ROYAL FLAMINGO 30 (S) G Bravery 7-11-0 R J Beggan
8 10/F- UNCLE MOGY 476 (F) D Nicholson 7-10-13 C Llewellyn
9 3UPU LAWNSWOOD SUN 12 R Hollinshead 7-10-12 Gary Lyons

3-1 Monday Club, 4-1 Knights, 5-1 Ivors Guest, 6-1 Uncle Mogy, 7-1 Royal Flamingo, 8-1 Chimes Of The Dawn, 14-1 Semaphore Hill, 16-1 other.

3.10 HICKMAN PARK HANDICAP CHASE (£2,616: 3m 1f) (9)

1 343U MANDER'S WAY 11 (G,S) Miss H Knight 8-11-10 J Osborne
2 3UUF MIAMI BEAR 9 (G) Mrs S Smith 7-11-5 G McCourt
3 15P1 BIG BEN DUN 17 (S) J Upson 7-10-12 J Kavanagh
4 00P3 OUR FELLOW 20 (S) G Balding 11-10-7 R Davis (5)
5 4UF0 KAMEO STYLE 18 (B,F,G,S) F Jordan 10-10-6 J Lodder
6 2438 YOUNG MINER 18 (S) Mrs T McInnes Skinner 7-10-4 G Upton
7 0-63 COLONEL O'KELLY 68 (C,G) D Barons 9-10-3 N Hawke
8 /0PU LOVER BILL 12 (B) M Wilkinson 11-10-1 C Llewellyn
9 53P4 MARINERS LEGEND 5 R Hollinshead 7-10-0 S Wynne (5)

7-4 Big Ben Dun, 5-2 Mander's Way, 5-1 Our Fellow, 7-1 Miami Bear, 10-1 Colonel O'Kelly, 12-1 Kameo Style, 14-1 Young Miner, 20-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: P Hobbs, 4 winners from 14 runners, 28.6%; D Barons, 6 from 22, 27.3%; D Nicholson, 16 from 60, 26.7%; R Lee, 11 from 57, 19.3%; Miss H Knight, 5 from 27, 18.5%; J Edwards, 10 from 56, 17.9%.
JOCKEYS: N Hawke, 5 winners from 10 rides, 50.0%; M Dwyer, 3 from 12, 25.0%; J Osborne, 10 from 58, 17.2%; N Williamson, 6 from 35, 17.1%; R J Beggan, 3 from 22, 13.6%; J Frost, 4 from 31, 12.9%.

3.40 PLAYING FIELDS NATIONAL HUNT NOVICES HURDLE (£1,484: 3m 1f 110yd) (9)

1 -412 BRAVE BUCCANEER 28 (BF,S) D Murray Smith 6-11-10 J White
2 2-14 DON'T LIGHT UP 28 (S) J Edwards 7-11-10 N Williamson
3 /512 MELEAGRIS 14 (S) D Nicholson 9-11-10 W Marston (3)
4 FORM-ER-SELF (B) Mrs A Swinbank 6-11-4 Mr C Wilson
5 -303 GARSTON LA GAFFE 7 M Bradstock 8-11-4 S McNeill
6 0 NORMANDY BILL 23 D McCain 6-11-4 Mr D McCain (5)
7 5030 CWM ARCTIC 12 Mrs A Price 6-10-13 Mr C Campbell (7)
8 00 SIMPLY JOYFUL 11 P Hobbs 6-10-13 M Hourigan (3)
9 FP-0 THE QUAKER 11 R Hawker 7-10-13 D Geoghegan (5)

5-4 Meleagris, 9-4 Brave Buccaneer, 7-2 Don't Light Up, 10-1 Garston La Gaffe, 16-1 Simply Joyful, 20-1 others.

4.10 CHILLINGTON HUNTER CHASE (Amateurs: £1,004: 3m 1f) (13)

1 6P-3 PORTER'S SONG 16 (G) R Hurley 12-12-7 L Lay (7)
2 /00/ ALANERRY 1197 (B) Mrs J Breeden 13-12-0 H Brown (7)
3 2435- ASHPIT 299 (G) A Garton 12-12-0 T Garton (7)
4 2/0- CADDLESTOWN 338 D McCain 9-12-0 D McCain (5)
5 00-2 CWM GWAUN 7 Mrs A Price 9-12-0 C Campbell (7)
6 006/ FALSIDE 1413 D McCarthy 9-12-0 T McCarthy (7)
7 21F- HIGHLAND ECHO 269 (F) Mrs J Edwards 10-12-0 Mrs C Wonnacott (7)
8 P006- LAST MAN IN 364 Mrs A King 6-12-0 N Bradley (7)
9 /P-P MARTIN THOMAS 16 (CD,S) D Powell 10-12-0 A Price (7)
10 0/4/U RAIN CHASER 16 P Andrews 12-12-0 D Duggan (7)
11 /P/P- SPACE PRINCE 355 R Phillips 12-12-0 Miss H McCaull (7)
12 13-6 PADRIGAL 13 (S) J Cheatle 10-11-9 B Pollock (7)
13 U4-3 WAY CLEAR 10 J Meddings 10-11-9 Miss S Sharratt (7)

7-2 Cwm Gwaun, 9-2 Falside, 5-1 Padrigal, 6-1 Highland Echo, 7-1 Ashpit, 8-1 Porter's Song, 10-1 Way Clear, 12-1 Space Prince, 14-1 others.

4.40 DUNSTALL PARK HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,812: 2m 7f) (11)

1 P-06 CLASSIC STATEMENT 122 (F,S) R Lee 7-12-0 Leanne Eldredge (7)
2 315-3 KNIGHTON COOMBE 18 (G,S) T Forster 7-11-9 R Farrant (5)
3 3100 INNOCENT PRINCESS 74 (F,G,S) D Barons 6-10-11 R Davis (5)
4 B-65 NEEDWOOD SPRITE 9 (V,F,G) B Morgan 7-10-10 L Harvey
5 3033 FIRST CRACK 12 (F,G,S) F Jordan 8-10-6 J Lodder
6 400- EQUITY CARD 10F L Barratt 5-10-6 S Wynne (5)
7 1302 BUCKINGHAM GATE 8 (G,S) D Gandolfo 7-10-4 A S Smith
8 1013 MISS CAPULET 24 (B,G,S) T Donnelly 6-10-2 T Eley (5)
9 F360 KINO 19 (B,G,S) S Sherwood 6-10-2 J Osborne
10 4440 COXANN 9 (G,S) J McConnochie 7-10-0 J Pullin (7)
11 1106 PUNCHBAG 14 (S) G Ham 7-10-0 C Llewellyn

3-1 Buckingham Gate, 9-2 Knighton Coombe, 5-1 First Crack, 6-1 Miss Capulet, 8-1 Kino, 10-1 Innocent Princess, Needwood Sprite, 12-1 Punchbag, 16-1 others.

5.10 WEST PARK NOVICES HURDLE (Div II: £1,484: 2m 110yd) (14)

1 3P20 MINE'S AN ACE 95 (S) D Barons 5-11-10 J Frost
2 3P0- BAMAN POWERHOUSE 275F M Scudamore 5-11-4 D Tegg
3 5400 MOVING OUT 51 Miss H Knight 5-11-4 J Osborne
4 002 PERCY SMOLLETT 14 J McConnochie 5-11-4 S McNeill
5 00 RIMOUSKI 12 B Cambidge 5-11-4 Mr J Cambidge
6 0/6- DERRY LOVE 570 L Barratt 6-10-13 T Wall
7 460- LENTHALL PRINCESS 320 J Needham 7-10-13 N Williamson
8 -00P LITTLE CLARE 46 F Jordan 6-10-13 J Lodder
9 P QUEEN'S FAVOURITE 41 J Webber 5-10-13 A Webb
10 2250 BRAMBLEBERRY 44 Mrs S Smith 4-10-8 G McCourt
11 CALL ME DICKINS 123F R Hollinshead 4-10-8 S Wynne (5)
12 CORALS DREAM 482F J J O'Neill 4-10-8 M Dwyer
13 NAJEB 52F P Evans 4-10-8 B Clifford (3)
14 P SURE SHOT NORMAN 10F G Jones 4-10-8 Mr C Campbell (7)

3-1 Brambleberry, 7-2 Corals Dream, 9-2 Moving Out, 6-1 Mine's An Ace, 8-1 Percy Smollett, 10-1 Baman Powerhouse, 14-1 others.

☐ Simon Dow's Salbus was last in the Prix Policeman at Cagnes-sur-Mer yesterday.

SOUTHWELL

THUNDERER
2.20 Tempering. 2.50 Golden Klair. 3.20 Kingstone Brown. 3.50 Themaam. 4.20 Lady Roxanne. 4.50 Drummer's Dream.

GOING: STANDARD SIS
DRAW: 6F-1M, LOW NUMBERS BEST

2.20 EDINGLEY CLAIMING STAKES (£2,322: 1m 4f) (8 runners)

1 2121 TEMPERING 16J (CD,F) D Chapman 7-9-11 S Wood 1
2 5002 MAJAL 18 (F) J Wainwright 4-9-8 D Nicholls 8
3 /61- BUCK COMTESS 19J (G) J Jenkins 4-8-11 B Doyle (5) 6
4 0066 RESISTING 7 M Chapman 5-8-11 S D Williams (3) 7
5 1512 LOCK KEEPER 3 (C) C Hill 7-8-9 J Quinn 5
6 0-50 BATTUTA 14 R Earnshaw 4-8-1 Alex Greaves 4
7 58-2 SWEET REVIVAL 45 J Glover 5-8-0 Dale Gibson 2
8 30-6 QUALITAIR IDOL 10 Mrs A Knight 4-7-7 G Bardwell 3

6-4 Lock Keeper, 7-4 Tempering, 7-1 Majal, 8-1 Buck Comtess, 10-1 Sweet Revival, 20-1 others.

2.50 BECKINGHAM HANDICAP (3-Y-O: £3,143: 1m) (5)

1 11-1 GOLDEN KLAIR 24 (CD) C Hill 9-7 J Quinn 4
2 415- TANAGOME 74 (C) S Norton 8-6 O Pears (5) 5
3 6-11 BRACKENTHWAITE 49 (CD) T Barron 7-7 J Fanning 3
4 1434 ROSE FLYER 7 (C) M Chapman 7-7 S Wood 1
5 065- NANCY 96 C W Elsey 7-7 Claire Balding (7) 2

6-4 Brackenthwaite, 2-1 Golden Klair, 5-1 Tanagome, 6-1 Rose Flyer, 16-1 Nancy.

3.20 FENTON MAIDEN GUARANTEED SWEEPSTAKES (3-Y-O: £2,070: 1m) (9)

1 0-02 GLOWING PATH 10 C Hill 9-0 J Quinn 4
2 4-24 KINGSTON BROWN 14 (B,BF) D Loder 9-0 M Hills 1
3 0- NOBLE MEASURE 257 (B) S Bowring 9-0 S Webster 7
4 0- ICTERINA 157 P Chapple-Hyam 8-9 Stephen Davies (5) 8
5 PACIFIC SPIRIT M Haigh 8-9 Dale Gibson 3
6 SAXON SHORE Lord Huntingdon 8-9 Dean McKeown 5
7 -435 SCOFFERA 28 N Tinkler 8-9 Kim Tinkler 9
8 0-0 TEMPLE HILL 35 J Carr 8-9 S Morris 2
9 00-0 THE CUT 14 C Booth 8-9 L Charnock 6

6-4 Glowing Path, 2-1 Saxon Shore, 5-1 Kingston Brown, 8-1 Scoffera, 12-1 Icterina, 16-1 others.

BLINKERED FIRST TIME: Southwell: 3.20 Kingston Brown, Noble Measure

3.50 CLAYPOLE HANDICAP (£2,364: 7f) (9)

1 3/21 THEMAAM 10 (C) T Thomson Jones 4-10-0 Dean McKeown 9
2 00-6 DREAM CARRIER 10 (D,F,G) T Barron 5-9-13 Alex Greaves 8
3 4302 DIAMOND INTHE DARK 10 (V,D,F) C Tinkler 5-9-2 L Charnock 4
4 0-00 MORPICK 10 (B,C) J Leigh 6-8-9 Stephen Davies (5) 5
5 6-04 SHANNON EXPRESS 45 (B,C,F) E Alston 6-8-9 J Quinn 1
6 3033 THE DREAM MAKER 7 (C) Mrs N Macauley 4-8-7 M Humphries (7) 3
7 0384 BAYIN 10 M Usher 4-7-12 N Adams 2
8 00-0 CRIMSON CONSORT 10 E Incisa 4-7-9 Claire Balding (7) 7
9 0630 COMISKEY PARK 10 (B) D Chapman 4-7-9 S Wood 6

11-8 Themaam, 7-2 The Dream Maker, 13-2 Dream Carrier, 8-1 others.

4.20 CLAPWELL MAIDEN GUARANTEED SWEEPSTAKES (£2,070: 6f) (10)

1 06 NEVENTER 3 M Chapman 4-9-7 V Smith 6
2 PRETTY CHIC D Chapman 4-9-7 S Wood 5
3 0 THE TONDY 7 N Bycroft 5-9-7 D Nicholls 1
4 -000 ANGEL'S WING 10 Mrs A Knight 4-9-2 Maria Plowright (7) 7
5 500- LADY ROXANNE 171 Lord Huntingdon 4-9-2 D Salt (7) 9
6 30-0 LONELY LASS 18 A Jones 7-9-2 J Quinn 2
7 NOT ALL BLISS 93J G Kelly 5-9-2 Alex Greaves 8
8 6242 HERSHEBAR 14 (B) S Bowring 3-8-5 S Webster 3
9 -844 MUSICAL PHONE 14 (B) J Leigh 3-8-5 Dean McKeown 4
10 6F0- LAST TYPHOON 254 T Caldwell 3-8-0 F Norton (3) 10

6-4 Hershebar, 7-4 Lady Roxanne, 4-1 Musical Phone, 14-1 Neventer, 20-1 others.

4.50 DUNHAM-ON-TRENT HANDICAP (£2,364: 6f) (9)

1 1002 LORD NASKRA 7 (CD) W O'Gorman 4-9-10 Emma O'Gorman (3) 8
2 -464 VELOCE 18 (B,F) A Bailey 5-9-10 A Mackay 1
3 -150 INNOCENT GEORGE 28 (C) C Booth 4-9-5 L Charnock 4
4 3233 QUATRE FEMME 3 (D,BF,F) C Hill 6-9-4 G Bardwell 8
5 6485 TOSHIBA COMET 10 (B,CD,F,G,S) Pat Mitchell 6-9-0 D Nicholls 2
6 0652 STRIP CARTOON 7 (B,CD,S) S Bowring 5-8-12 J Quinn 3
7 -211 LAST STRAW 7 (CD) A Jones 5-8-12 (7ex) Claire Balding (7) 5
8 10-5 DRUMMER'S DREAM 7 (V,C) Mrs N Macauley 5-8-10 Dale Gibson 7
9 0-20 KALAR 17 (C) D Chapman 4-8-10 S Wood 6

2-1 Last Straw, 3-1 Strip Cartoon, 9-2 Lord Naskra, 7-1 Innocent George, 12-1 Drummer's Dream, 14-1 Quatre Femme, 20-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: Lord Huntingdon, 10 winners from 41 runners, 24.4%; T Barron, 59 from 264, 22.3%; W O'Gorman, 36 from 169, 21.3%; T Thomson Jones, 6 from 29, 20.7%; C Hill, 21 from 126, 16.7%; S Norton, 19 from 83, 15.7%.
JOCKEYS: Alex Greaves, 58 winners from 237 rides, 24.5%; Emma O'Gorman, 30 from 171, 17.5%; O Pears, 6 from 38, 15.8%; Stephen Davies, 5 from 38, 13.2%; M Hills, 15 from 117, 12.8%; M Humphries, 6 from 48, 12.5%.

JUMP LEADERS

JOCKEYS

	1st	2nd	3rd	Losing sequence	Level stakes
R Dunwoody	120	76	65	0	-39.82
P Scudamore	104	56	40	2	-2.10
P Niven	74	36	28	3	+73.46
A Maguire	72	78	57	10	-33.51
J Osborne	56	41	41	4	-57.01
G McCourt	48	40	42	10	-15.57
C Llewellyn	47	32	32	11	+65.21

TRAINERS

	1st	2nd	3rd	Days since win	Level stakes
M Pipe	129	72	64	1	-7.94
D Nicholson	74	47	29	1	+191.82
G Richards	68	42	31	8	-35.42
Mrs M Reveley	67	34	31	1	-23.34
N Twiston-Davies	46	29	23	8	+37.10
Jimmy Fitzgerald	40	37	28	1	-2.82
N Henderson	36	32	25	2	-36.17

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RESULTS FROM SATURDAY'S FIVE MEETINGS

Chepstow
Going: good to soft
1.00 (2m 4f 110yd hdle) 1, High Altitude (N Bentley, 11-4); 2, Castle Courageous (100-30); 3, Now Your Talkin (9-4 fav). 5 ran. 3l, 10l. G Moore. Tote: £3.70; £1.60, £1.50. DF: £6.40. CSF: £11.17.
1.30 (2m 3f 110yd ch) 1, Milford Quay (P Scudamore, 13-8); 2, Its Nearly Time (6-4 fav); 3, Nevada Gold (17-2). 6 ran. 2½l, 15l. M Pipe. Tote: £2.40; £1.70, £1.30. DF: £2.70. CSF: £4.41.
2.00 (2m 4f 110yd hdle) 1, Boscean Chieftain (M A Fitzgerald, 2-1); 2, Balasani (5-4 fav); 3, Mudahim (9-1). 6 ran. Sh hd, 10l. Mrs J Retter. Tote: £2.60; £1.40, £1.30. DF: £2.00. CSF: £4.75.
2.35 (2m 110yd hdle) 1, Pontynyswen (D J Burchell, 11-8 fav); 2, Grove Serendipity (100-30); 3, Old Steine (11-1). 9 ran. 10l, 7l. D Burchell. Tote: £2.30; £1.10, £1.40, £2.10. DF: £3.90. CSF: £6.12.
3.10 (3m 2f 110yd ch) 1, Cythere (Mr T McCarthy, 7-2); 2, Sunbeam Talbot (3-1); 3, Paajade (11-10 fav). 7 ran. 3l, dist. J Gifford. Tote: £3.70; £1.60, £2.10. DF: £6.00. CSF: £13.48.
3.40 (3m) 1, Granagh (D Salter, 100-30); 2, Castlebay Lad (2-1 fav); 3, Officer Cadet (5-2). 7 ran. 2½l, 20l. V Bishop. Tote: £4.30; £2.00, £1.70. DF: £4.30. CSF: £10.43.
Placepot: £17.40.

Newcastle
1.25 1, Curtain Factory (14-1); 2, Highlandman (16-1); 3, Timanfaya (16-1). Four Deep 9-2 fav. 16 ran. NR: Battery Fired.
1.55 1, Notable Exception (15-8 fav); 2, Pride Of Pendle (15-2); 3, Make Me Proud (9-2). 9 ran.
2.30 1, Zam Bee (12-1); 2, Houghton (100-30); 3, Rejoinus (3-1 fav). 11 ran. NR: Down The Road.
3.00 1, Mazmoor (16-1); 2, Andermatt (6-1); 3, Gallateen (9-1). Abnegation 3-1 fav. 14 ran.
3.35 1, Into The Red (3-1 fav); 2, Ushers Island (250-1); 3, Bluff Knoll (12-1). 14 ran.
4.10 1, Attadale (8-1); 2, Temple Garth (11-1); 3, Shawwell (16-1). Programmed To Win 8-15 fav. 18 ran.
4.40 1, Armagret (6-5 fav; Thunderer's nap); 2, Howe Street (5-2); 3, Moment Of Truth (3-1). 4 ran.

Nottingham
1.45 1, Family Line (11-2); 2, Forbearance (3-1 fav); 3, Andrelot (16-1). 15 ran.
2.15 1, Coulton (4-7 fav); 2, Duke Of Monmouth (3-1); 3, Corrin Hill (6-1). 5 ran. NR: Bend Of Hope.
2.45 1, Sybillin (2-5 fav); 2, Wonder Man (5-2); 3, Vain Prince (20-1). 5 ran.
3.15 1, Material Girl (10-1); 2, Chergo (8-1); 3, Willie McGarr (6-1). Star Crossed 11-4 fav. 13 ran.
3.45 1, Bellton (3-1); 2, Majed (9-4 fav); 3, Strath Royal (10-1). 11 ran.
4.15 1, Musthaveaswig (5-6 fav); 2, Captain Frisk (2-1); 3, Master Comet (10-1). 7 ran.
4.45 1, Master Jolson (6-4 fav); 2, Caetani (7-1); 3, Emperor Chang (14-1). 11 ran.

Windsor
1.20 1, Lackendara (15-2); 2, Boycott (8-15 fav); 3, First Lesson (9-1). 12 ran.
1.50 1, Champagne Lad (4-5 fav); 2, Royal Haven (11-4); 3, In The Zone (25-1). 7 ran.
2.25 1, Storm Dust (11-8 jt-fav); 2, Cluncan (4-1); 3, Home Counties (11-8 jt-fav). 7 ran.
2.55 1, Zeta's Lad (7-4 jt-fav); 2, Espy (6-1); 3, Repeat The Dose (5-1). Willsford 7-4 jt-fav. 5 ran.
3.25 1, Solell Dancer (15-2); 2, Clever Dick (7-1); 3, Wiltshire Yeoman (33-1). Djebel Prince 9-4 fav. 7 ran. NR: Kanndabil, Jurz.
3.55 1, Fifth Amendment (9-2); 2, Salcombe Harbour (2-1 fav); 3, Hope Diamond (4-1). 7 ran.
4.25 1, Chapel Of Barras (11-4 fav); 2, Tango's Delight (11-2); 3, Falconbridge Bay (33-1). 18 ran.

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3.50 1, Carlowitz (13-2); 2, Ballyranter (9-1); 3, Lowawatha (5-1). Pigalle Wonder 4-1 fav. 11 ran.
4.20 1, Breakdancer (3-1); 2, Debacle (8-1); 3, Modest Hope (9-4 fav). 9 ran. NR: Ere Leath-Sceal, Watch Me Go.
4.50 1, Eastleigh (6-1); 2, Scots Law (11-2 jt-fav); 3, Apollo Red (11-2 jt-fav) Madagans Grey 11-2 jt-fav. 12 ran.

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Heads must not roll — they must rule

Like any business, a school needs a strong chief executive with clear powers and not too much day-to-day interference from amateur governors, writes **John Rae**

JEREMY YOUNG

Test case: Anne Snelling (inset), headteacher of Stratford School, a grant-maintained secondary in east London, was locked in a long battle for control with a powerful group of governors last year. Mrs Snelling finally won after the NAHT helped her to take court action and additional governors were appointed

Is the head the chief executive of the school or merely the governors' poodle? In the independent sector, the head's role is clear: he or she is the chief executive, accountable to the board of governors but retaining full responsibility for the effective management of the school.

In the maintained sector, the position is far from clear. The grant-maintained schools have set out to emulate the independent sector. They state categorically that the head should be recognised by the governors as acting in the role of a chief executive of a company, of which the governing body, under its chairman, is the board of directors". But in other maintained schools, governors can and do insist on having executive authority while leaving the head to carry the can if things go wrong.

Governors who want to interfere in the running of the school, and take decisions that should properly be taken by senior management, undermine the head. Why should teacher and pupils respect a head who is seen not to have the authority to make decisions?

A lame-duck head soon results in a lameduck school. Yet a government that claims to be concerned about raising standards does nothing to clarify a situation that leaves heads vulnerable to busybody or powermungry governors. On the contray, the Department for Educationthinks "some blurring of the law" is an advantage because it allowsschools to work out their own arrangements to suit local conditions.

The department's formula is disingenuous. For some years, government rhetoric has given the impression that governors *are* expected to get involved in the mangement of the school. The rhetric reflects the Tory belief that teaders should be brought to heel andhat this is best done through the chool governors, particularly parnt governors. But by turning the consumers on the producers, the government has risked weakening the position of the one person above all on whose leadership the development of good schools depends. Or to put it in language this government will understand: market forces will quickly destroy a company in which the board of directors tries to do the chief executive's job.

Fortunately, not all governing bodies take advantage of the blurring of the law. They work hard for the school, giving their time and expertise, which may be badly needed under local management of schools. They do not confuse support with interference. Whatever detailed help the surveyor or solicitor may give to the head, they know that as governors their responsibilities are strategic: determining the educational character of the school or setting a framework for pay and conditions, not checking the options booklets.

That governing bodies cannot always be trusted to get the balance right is indicated by a paper from the largest headteachers' union, the National Association of Head Teachers (NAHT). It wants the Department to amend the articles of government of maintained schools to make crystal clear what governors' and heads' respective responsibilities are. David Hart, the union's general secretary, does not mince his words. "The powers given to heads in the fields of appointment and staff discipline fall far short of those any self-respecting chief executive would enjoy."

Mr Hart is right to see this as the touchstone. No self-respecting head of an independent school would allow governors to have a say in the appointment of staff, except in the case of the deputy head. Governors do not have the expertise or the experience to select a head of history or an assistant mathematician. That they should presume to do so is an example of British amateurism at its worst.

Yet this is what happens in many maintained schools. The governors form the selection committee for staff appointments, and invite the head to sit in. It should of course be the other way round, if governors are to be involved at all.

There is even less justification for governors to be directly involved in staff discipline. When John Patten indicated last week that governors will in future assess the performance of every classroom teacher, he should have made clear that headteachers would do the assessment on lines agreed with the governing body. There are already schools where parent governors, acting on the anecdotal evidence of their children, insist on checking personally whether the teacher is as bad as their children claim. Lazy or incompetent teachers cannot be ignored, but dealing with them is a job for the professional manager.

Parent governors in a maintained school are not an unmixed blessing. They may pose as parents' representatives when they are not. They may form a majority of the governing body and pursue their own agenda. Retired governors are not an unmixed blessing either. Like Napoleon on St Helena, they have lost their power-base and are looking for a smaller stage on which to flex their muscles.

All these hazards can be avoided if the head's position as chief executive is unquestioned. Independent schools have their difficult governors, too, but their inclination to interfere is held in check by the same constitutional arrangements that the NAHT is proposing. When David Hart defines the role of chief executive as placing the head "in the position of overall responsibility for the executive management of the school, and of being personally accountable to the board of governors for the exercise of that responsibility", he is echoing the statutes of the older independent schools.

There is a price to pay. Being personally accountable means just that. However much independent heads may deplore the comparison with football managers, they can be sacked just as ruthlessly if the school is performing badly. The recession and exam league tables have made some governing bodies trigger-happy, giving a new meaning to Kipling's words, "If you can keep your head when all about you are losing theirs . . ."

The head of an independent school is on the edge. But any head, whether in the maintained or independent sector, would prefer that to being the governors' poodle.

● *The author was headmaster of Westminster School, and is now director of the Portman Group.*

The curriculum must be teachable as well as testable, says **Stuart Maclure**

Patten: poor marks for listening to teachers

Arrogance comes in various shapes and sizes. Kenneth Clarke's emptiousness is — like David Mellor's before his fall — all of a piece with an extrovert political personality. But in John Patten's case the arrogance seems more contrived, like a sign of insecurity. His ostentatious reluctance to meet teachers' leaders, or put in an appearance on the education conference circuit, has been matched by an equally ostentatious refusal to accept that there is genuine professional disquiet about the way he is getting about implementation of the National Curriculum.

Last week, however, Mr Patten came out of purdah to receive representatives of teachers' associations, who explained their objections to his plans for tests for 14-year-olds next summer. He has now made some modifications to these plans. He is all too aware of friendly enemies on his own right flank but of course an education secretary needs the goodwill of the teachers, and even more so if he is trying to make them change direction.

In an interview last week, John Patten seemed to be reaching out. He would like teachers one day to form professional bodies akin to the Royal Colleges for doctors, which could articulate professional concerns. In the meantime he is hung up about the teachers' unions, which he sees as the "last bastions of seventies' trade unionism".

I can understand the scepticism about the teachers' unions. It is quite true that at the end of the 1960s the big teachers' unions took a turn away from being professional associations, believing that the future lay with militant white-collar unionism. They were wrong.

That particular phase of the existence came to a disastrous climax in the lengthy disputes of the mid-1980s, which saw collective bargaining withdrawn and teachers' pay and conditions decided instead by ministerial order.

But it is simply not fair to pretend that the latest moves towards a confrontation between the teachers and the education secretary are the result of agitation by militants. The truth is, the teachers' unions have never been less militant. The threatened crisis arises from quite genuine professional concerns: teachers's doubts about the wisdom and desirability of doing what the education secretary wants, and doubts about their professional self-respect if they simply roll over and allow their strongly-held objections to be ignored.

Independent schools share these doubts. What does Mr Patten want: professionals who will do anything they are told without question, even if it goes against their professional judgment? I certainly would not have wanted my children to be taught by compliant teachers with no conscience, nor any ultimate criteria of their own about what is professionally right. Perhaps there ought to be a clause in the parent's charter to keep such non-professionals out of the profession.

All this raises once again the question of what it means to be a professional. Once, professional people had standing in the community: they could authenticate passport photographs; people could be expected to trust them; people were encouraged to rely on them to put at the disposal of their clients the body of professional knowledge and experience that they had accumulated.

Professionals were expected to have an altruistic commitment to their profession and its values. They certainly derived personal satisfaction and self-esteem from the idea that they were pursuing a vocation and not just a nine-to-five job. Many gave it all they had.

But now the alternative view expounded by Bernard Shaw prevails: professions are conspiracies against society. Mrs Thatcher, though not by any means a Shavian, laid about the professions with her handbag. But when you undermine an ethos as powerful as the professional ideal and the professionals' self-image, watch out — there is no knowing where it ends.

A recent *Times* leader toyed fancifully with the professionalism of the England cricketers in India, equating "professional" with a dour and joyless approach to what once was a sport. Some time ago, Sir Martin Jacombe was quoted in *The Times Educational Supplement* as saying: "Standards change. The trend to professionalism — ie, taking advantage of the letter of the law rather than its spirit — is remorseless."

The same could be said about the schools — and also the universities and the hospitals and health centres — as managerialism takes over from the traditional values of professional service, and arrogant ministers try to enforce their views, and those of a narrow circle of their friends.

The National Curriculum has to be teachable as well as examinable: and it has to provide a worthwhile programme of activities for actual children. The people who really know about these children are the professional primary and secondary school teachers, not politicians or the pressure groups which bend their ears.

John Patten: reluctant to appear on the conference circuit

> 'Ministers try to enforce their views, and those of a narrow circle of their friends'

Competent we are not

Britain's obsession with examinations and grading is bordering on a national mania. Most of those seeking to raise this matter to a higher moral plane are, however, seldom distant from self-interest of one kind or another. It is time, therefore, for the defenders of education as such to restate their case.

The purpose of education is not to examine, grade or certificate. The purpose of education, at all levels, is to inculcate the love of learning, bolstered by the pleasures of achievement, while at the same time imparting skills essential to the good citizen and to his or her employment, whether it be medicine, carpentry or music making. We may not yet agree exactly how this all-important task is to be accomplished, but unless it is accomplished we shall continue to raise generations of poorly educated, disaffected young people, unsure of their own value and disinclined to further guidance and authority.

VIEWPOINT

Graham Hills

Those who argue for abandoning the essentially English system of early specialisation and narrow, content-oriented curricula dominated by written examinations therefore do so not out of perversity or for political reasons. They simply note the persistent shortcomings of Britain's workforce. Government after government has been laid low by a stubborn balance of payments deficit, the inevitable result of inadequate technology stemming from inadequate education and training in manufacturing and management skills. Intelligent we may be, competent we are not. The present arrangements which stress academic performance over all others, and which direct too many of the best brains into unproductive, knowledge-based pursuits can only spell ruin.

The shunting of the British young away from science, from engineering and from technology in general is another inevitable consequence of the irreversible choices imposed on the young by the A-level examination system, the preparation for which reaches deep down into the schools. There is no need to choose between sciences and the humanities at 15, 16 or 17. Almost every other country allows this choice to be deferred until a better basis of understanding has been arrived at. Once the shibboleth — that knowledge is all — is set aside, then standards can mean more than mere content or volume. Examinations can cease to be tests of memory or of second-hand reasoning and become staging posts by which students can judge their progress.

The present examinations suit selectors well and greatly simplify their task. They ease the burden of evaluating such hazy qualities as character, disposition, motivation, compassion and articulacy, as a result of which all doctors, dentists, vets and lawyers are now selected on the basis of intellectual achievement in arid and difficult areas they will never again encounter in their professional lives.

At the same time the measure of individual success has been reduced to a number and that of the system as a whole to a set of league tables of performance. The continued honing of the measures of academic achievement also leads inevitably on to more precise consideration of more precise material.

No wonder then that many pupils walk away from examinations and courses they rightly see as irrelevant to their lives. Failure, truancy and bad behaviour follow as night follows day. Without discernible remorse, the proponents of A and O levels accept these consequences as arguments instead for a separate examination, non-academic in character and forever to be the reward of those who have failed where it matters.

The way to rebuild Britain's future as a trading nation is not by consigning the majority of its young workforce to second-rate ends. Rather, there remains a marvellous opportunity to instil more education into training and more training into education, none of which will happen if we continue to pull apart the academic achievers from the rest. The single path of academic achievement is not that followed by America, by Japan, by France, and by Germany or even nearer home.

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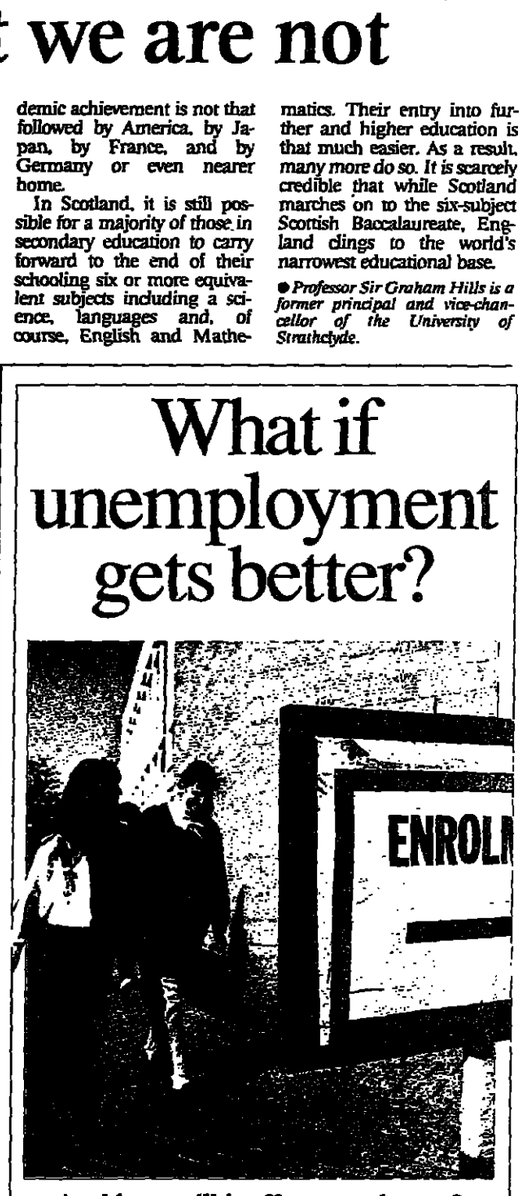

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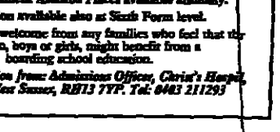

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If the government really trusted 'our mostly excellent teachers', it would let them get on with their job, writes **Robin Wilson**

Cooling-off time needed in the row over tests

The temperature is high in school staff rooms, and rising. The immediate cause is the controversy over the English tests for 14-year-olds this summer, an issue which should be easy enough to resolve sensibly and honourably. The way this dispute is settled will be an important signpost as to whether future development will be harmonious and productive or confrontational and damaging.

It is a significant achievement of the government to have given education such a high profile, and to have demonstrated its determination to improve radically the quality and standard of education in this country. International comparisons are readily quoted against us, and the grim reality behind the implications of an ill-educated population is not difficult to appreciate. In the nature of political development, the momentum generated by the government has been achieved by asserting and driving through a particular set of beliefs and by ignoring or rubbishing those who differ from its thinking.

The time has come, however, at which a wise government would pause, reflect and enquire of knowledgeable and sensible people whether its present means are on course to achieve its highly desirable ends. In my new year message to colleagues in the Headmasters' Conference, I wrote: "As the government takes more centralised control of the curriculum and of testing, we must use our independence wisely to influence the national debate. Indeed, our colleagues in the maintained sector are increasingly looking to us to speak out in support of the whole profession, and to try to restore productive dialogue in moving towards what we must all earnestly support, a better educated population."

It is a strange paradox that at one and the same time much greater freedom is being given to schools to structure their affairs through various means of financial devolution, and yet the freedom to decide what should be taught is being strangled by the tentacles of the National Curriculum. It is when a necessary idea gets out of hand and becomes over-prescriptive that the alarm bells should be ringing. Independent schools might serve as a useful control in that they will accept from the National Curriculum what makes educational sense to them, and reject what does not. The obvious areas of concern at present are the English curriculum, a lack of realism about Technology, and the painful evidence of an overloaded curriculum.

One aspect independent schools will be most likely to reject is that of the undue frequency of public testing. The concept of public accountability is deceptively attractive. Expressed in testing at frequent intervals and the consequent compilation and publication of results, it gives an impression of standards being monitored. When the actual method of testing is investigated, however, a picture emerges which should give much cause for concern.

Tests which have to be reliably administered in all schools have to be simple; they tend to concentrate on what is easy to mark accurately, and to dispense with those aspects which demand more subtle evaluation. Such a system nationally imposed is therefore no substitute for intelligent examining within each school, a regular practice in all good schools.

> An educational service of real value depends on drawing the ablest people into the profession, and then trusting their competence

It also involves a massive administrative burden and consequent investment of valuable teacher time and energy. (The Audit Commission might well wish to investigate the costs of national testing, and all the government literature directed at parents, and question whether the money might not be better spent in equipping the schools.) If independent schools are lukewarm or even antagonistic towards publicly set and recorded tests at interim stages of a coherent and structured course, it is because they regularly employ much more sophisticated, sensitive and diagnostically helpful tests.

Much of the government's policy appears to be driven by a lack of trust in the teaching profession. The white paper, Choice and Diversity, contains a statement which is telling in its assumptions and its order: "Parents know best the needs of their children — certainly better than education theorists or administrators, better even than our mostly excellent teachers."

If parents really "know best the needs of their children", and if parents really believe in and support the value of a good education, there would be no need for us to be engaged in what is essentially a massive campaign for the education of parents. Parents would long since have seen to it that their elected servants, the politicians, had willed the means to provide a first-class educational service. Disraeli's statement in a debate on education in June 1874, that "Upon the education of the people of this country the fate of this country depends", would have been applauded and acted upon.

To a degree which does not seem to be appreciated by government, an educational service of real value depends above all on drawing the ablest people in the country into the profession, and then trusting their professional competence. League tables, and promised additional torrents of statistical information, will in the long run do very little to help. A much more rewarding aim for the government would be to develop the concept of the responsible school, perhaps to use the new inspection arrangements set in place by Ofsted (the Office for Standards in Education) to award institutions a charter mark for responsibility, and in so doing allow them the freedom to teach and assess their pupils as they, and the parents, think appropriate. The government might with advantage ponder why the state of Kentucky dismantled its state curriculum in 1990: "The department may not tell teachers and principals in successful schools how to run their classes. Regulation is for schools that are failing, not for ones that are succeeding."

The key has to lie in the politicians really believing in "our mostly excellent teachers" and framing policy to release all the creative and positive energies of this demanding and rewarding profession. "From prescription to responsible liberation" should be the banner under which we now move together towards achieving the government's ambitious and admirable goal.

● *Robin Wilson, headmaster of Trinity School of John Whitgift, Croydon, is chairman of the Headmasters' Conference.*

TONY WHITE

Independent view: Robin Wilson believes league tables and other statistics will, in the long run, do little to improve education

When Sir wears a dog collar

School chaplains can find themselves playing a mixed, and demanding, role

All priest, half schoolmaster, school chaplains switch from classroom to vestry, from chapel to school kitchen as they minister to the whole community, from the youngest pupil to the oldest gardener. And there can be conflicts.

John Witheridge, the senior of five chaplains at Eton, where there are 1,268 pupils in 25 boarding houses, says: "I always tell the boys that they can speak to us confidentially, but that can be difficult. Most times we would seek to persuade them to tell the housemaster or headmaster what they have told us.

"Fortunately, I have never been put in a position that conflicted with my loyalty to the institution, but when it came down to it we would have to respect the boys' confidentiality if that is what they wanted."

Eric Anderson, the headmaster of £11,600-a-year Eton, says: "One of the first things a chaplain must have is humility and to realise that he is not the first port of call for every boy in difficulty. In a large boarding school, all the staff are involved in pastoral care and boys are likely to go to them. Chaplains tend to pick up the difficult cases as a sort of safety net.

"They should be schoolmaster-chaplains rather than a priest in a school. The more they teach, the better. Most of them take divinity, but it is as well if they can teach another subject. That helps to convince pupils that they are normal people they can relate to. They should be able to understand the boys' activities, such as sports or producing a play. They also ought to be able to preach to boys, but that is a rare art."

Mr Witheridge, who was chaplain to the Archbishop of Canterbury before moving to Eton nearly six years ago, says he sees himself as half priest and half schoolmaster, teaching both divinity and English. He describes the relationship between school and chaplain as strictly professional: "The school employs me to be a priest in the same way as they might employ a doctor and they must respect that particular professionalism."

Most chaplains do not have the support of colleagues as Mr Witheridge does at Eton, where there are four Anglican chaplains and one Roman Catholic priest. Nicholas Henshaw, "Nick the Vic" to staff and pupils alike at Sevenoaks school in Kent, says: "The chaplain is usually the only priest on the staff and you do feel a sense of isolation from time to time."

Mr Henshaw has been the Sevenoaks chaplain for ten years. Sevenoaks, a co-educational school where fees are up to £7,000 a year (£11,000 for boarding), has 900 pupils, 300 of them boarders; many are from overseas.

He says: "Sevenoaks is a community of many faiths and none, and I find myself using a lot of God talk rather than Jesus.

"It is the people who live there who are the church in the school, and my main concern is for all the people in the school. The chaplain is the bridge between their daily lives and their spiritual dimension. They are my parish. I am frequently asked to officiate at weddings and I find myself performing in all sorts of churches."

Mr Henshaw, who is also responsible for religious education, was chaplain at Wellington College for two years before moving to a church in London, where he taught in a comprehensive school. His wife, Jane, teaches English at Sevenoaks.

Richard Brown became chaplain at Benenden school in Kent in September but has previously worked at Millfield junior school, Wells Cathedral school and Brighton College, where he ran confirmation classes at Roedean. Mr Brown has also run his own parish, but sees his school as his parish, including pupils and all the staff who go to make up the community.

Like all school chaplains, he is heavily involved in pastoral care but believes there are less stresses and strains at a girls' school. "They seem to be more in keeping with the Christian ethos than in schools that are male-based," he says. "There is less competition and more caring and more support for each other. There is camaraderie in a boys' school but there is more competition, which means winners and losers — and it can be tough on the losers."

Patrick Brain is chaplain at Forest school on the edge of Epping Forest. Unusually, he is a Methodist minister in a Church of England school. He also teaches English in the three Forest schools, which have 1,100 pupils divided among the girls' school, the senior school for boys and the junior school. Fees are nearly £5,000 a year (up to £7,600 for boarding).

Before being ordained nearly nine years ago, Mr Brain had been a housemaster at Millfield school. On ordination he was responsible for two churches in Brighton as well being a chaplain to Sussex University and Brighton Polytechnic. Forest school invited him to be full-time chaplain five years ago.

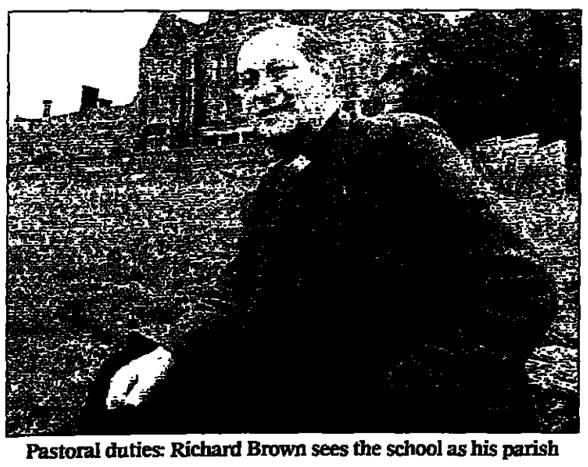
Mr Brain says he was keen to teach but did not want to be responsible for religious education in the school. He has therefore fallen back on his second subject of English, although he always wears a dog collar while in the school "in the same way as matron wears her uniform". He takes a service in the chapel every day, although on Sundays he frequently invites guest preachers and has a half-timetable of teaching in all three schools at Forest.

Mr Brain sees the chaplain's role in three main areas: the priestly function, such as taking services, and holy communion; the pastoral; and what he describes as the prophetic role. "The chaplain is able to ask questions and raise issues with the people in authority in a way that maybe others on the staff are unable to because of their concerns for their future careers," he says.

Mr Brain is helped in this by the fact that he is first and foremost a Methodist minister and is responsible as such to the church, which could in theory move him to another post. In practice, this rarely happens to any chaplain of any denomination once permission has been given for a minister to join a school.

He has a clear view of the responsibilities of both head and chaplain. Many headmasters see part of their job as preaching in chapel. Mr Brain is not so keen: "It is easy to confuse the two roles if headmasters start preaching."

DAVID TYTLER



Pastoral duties: Richard Brown sees the school as his parish

Schools run by Friends

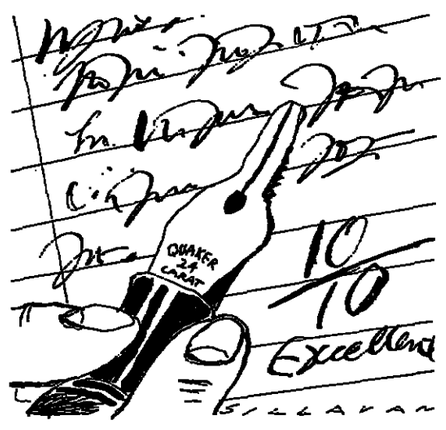
What kind of education will President Clinton's daughter get at her Quaker school?

Bill and Hillary Clinton's decision to send their daughter Chelsea, 12, to one of Washington's most exclusive and expensive schools provoked uproar last month. The Arkansas governor was seen to be junking his campaign promises in support of the United States's beleaguered public education system even before entering the Oval Office.

The media lavished attention on the school, its annual fees of $10,400 (£7,000), splendid facilities, predominantly white intake and reputation for academic excellence. The secure and secluded position of the 110-year-old Sitwell Friends School was equally well reported.

But what appeared lost in the headlines was an exploration of the kind of education offered to Chelsea by a school administered by the Society of Friends, or Quakers.

Quality of education has been at the forefront of the Friends' work since the origins of Quakerism in the 17th century. Quaker children always received a careful, austere introduction to the essential skills of reading and writing. Each local "meeting" instilled a strong responsibility for the proper education of the young. Quakers were often business entrepreneurs who believed they had a responsibility to provide schools for their workers. Through the 19th century they built up a network of schools across the British Isles.



The legacy of that philanthropy is eight schools in England and two in Ireland. They serve about 18,000 Quaker members and 10,000 non-members who attend regular meetings.

However, the schools are now open to all faiths, as well as atheists, and the proportion of Quaker pupils has steadily diminished to about 15 per cent. Five of their head teachers are Quakers, two are Anglicans and one is a Jew. The schools are in the toughest sector of the independent school market — boarding — and have all moved to accept day pupils. All but one are co-educational.

So what distinguishes a Quaker school from its more conventional competitors?

Ian Small, the head of Bootham School, York, says his school encourages pupils to co-operate with others and to compete against themselves, seeking high standards in all areas of life. "You find a shared sense of purpose and common goals in all Quaker schools. The Quaker search for 'that of God' in everyone has led to Quaker schools giving true value to all the successes of the pupils, whether these are in academic, sporting, cultural or personal fields."

Mr Small, who will become chairman of the Boarding Schools Association in May, recounts the story of one of his sixth formers who chose Bootham ahead of a number of independent rivals. The young man explained: "I came to the one where I felt valued as an individual, rather than simple A-level fodder."

The schools say their hallmark is a real friendliness and a lack of formality and hierarchy. It is as if they are consciously trying to throw off the last vestiges of that puritan image which owes much to a grey period in Quaker history during the 18th and 19th centuries when theatre, music and dance were decried as works of the devil. They cite parents who comment on the openness and self-confidence of pupils. Head teachers attribute this to the Quaker values which the schools enshrine with assemblies and meetings of worship where pupils and teachers mix comfortably and quietly.

"We try to encourage real and mutual respect for each other," says Sarah Evans, the head of Friends' School, Saffron Walden, Essex, who is presently on maternity leave. "Staff and pupils share a vision of education that promotes a healthy respect for the true Christian values which we now see all too rarely around us."

Yet relations between the schools and the Friends' Meetings which oversee them are not free of tension.

One long-running concern among Quakers has been the contradiction between their commitment to open access for all sections of society and that of involvement with private schools which exclude by charging fees of up to £10,000 a year.

For Mr Small, this tension is constructive: "It ensures that Quaker roots cannot be forgotten and the ideals and distinctiveness of the schools are retained."

BEN PRESTON

● *The eight Quaker schools in England are: Great Ayton, High Green, North Yorkshire, 220 pupils aged 7-18; Ackworth School, Pontefract, West Yorkshire, 530 pupils aged 7-18; Sibford School, near Banbury, Oxfordshire, 360 pupils aged 9-18; Sidcot School, Winscombe, near Bristol, 300 pupils aged 9-18; Bootham School, York, 335 pupils aged 11-18; The Mount School, York, 380 girls aged 11-18 and a mixed junior; Friends' School, Saffron Walden, Essex, 270 pupils aged 11-18; and Leighton Park School, Reading, Berkshire, 360 pupils, boys aged 11-18 and girls 16-18.*

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English and foreign proceedings were based on facts of single incident

Republic of India and Another v India Steamship Co Ltd (Indian Endurance and Indian Grace)

Before Lord Templeman, Lord Goff of Chieveley, Lord Jauncey of Tullichettle, Lord Mustill and Lord Slynn of Hadley

[Speeches February 18]

Where a judgment in a non-English court was in favour of the defendant, it had been recognised at common law that that judgment gave rise to a cause of action estoppel and more recently to an issue estoppel. But such a judgment in favour of a plaintiff did not constitute a bar against proceedings in England founded on the same cause of action. That anomaly was reversed by section 34 of the Civil Jurisdiction and Judgments Act 1982.

Thus where both foreign and English proceedings were concerned with a single incident and there was identity between the causes of action in both sets of proceedings the section applied.

But the section, while creating a statutory bar to bring proceedings, might be the subject of waiver or estoppel resulting in the general rule of public policy enshrined in the principle of *res judicata* to be subject to that particular exception.

The House of Lords so held allowing an appeal by the plaintiffs, the Republic of India and the Government of India (Ministry of Defence), who were the owners of the cargo lately laden on board the vessel Indian Grace, against the dismissal on September 26, 1991, by the Court of Appeal (Lord Justice Glidewell, Lord Justice McCowan and Lord Justice Leggatt) ([1992] 1 Lloyd's Rep 124) of the plaintiffs' appeal from a decision of Mr Justice Sheen.

The judge had ordered the plaintiffs' action to be struck out on a summons by the defendants, the India Steamship Co Ltd, to strike out the action under Order 18, rule 19 of the Rules of the Supreme Court. The plaintiffs had issued a writ *in rem* and served it on Indian Endurance, another vessel owned by the defendants.

Mr Jonathan Sumption, QC and Mr Timothy Charlton for the plaintiffs; Mr Stewart C. Boyd, QC and Mr Jeffrey Gruder for the defendants.

LORD GOFF said that the plaintiffs claimed to be entitled to sue for damage caused to munitions carried on the defendants' vessel Indian Grace on a voyage from Uddevala in Sweden to Cochin in India between June 26 and September 4, 1987.

On July 1, a fire was discovered in No 3 hold, where the munitions were loaded above wood pulp destined for other consignees. The fire was extinguished with water. The vessel put in to Cherbourg for survey, and to repack and re-stow the cargo. At about that time some artillery shells, probably 51, were jettisoned as damaged. In addition, compression damage to some of the boxes of munitions was noted. That was caused by the swelling of the wood pulp in the hold after it had been flooded.

The vessel resumed her voyage to India on August 6, arriving at Cochin in early September. The cargo was cleared on September 4.

The plaintiffs contended that they had not only lost the shells jettisoned and those damaged by crushing in the hold, but that they had also lost the value of the remaining munitions because of the effect of radiant heat upon them. It was, accordingly, contended that the cargo was a total loss.

On September 16, 1988, the plaintiffs issued a plaint in the subordinate judge's court in Cochin, seeking damages for the 51 shells which were not delivered and the suit was confined to a claim for Rs189,508.67 in respect of the shells. The plaint alleged that the defendants had been guilty of negligence while the cargo was in transit in the vessel, which presumably referred to a breach of their duty as bailees, carriers for reward.

On December 16, 1989, the principal sub-judge gave judgment, awarding the full amount of the claim against the defendants. An appeal against that judgment was still pending in India.

The judgment stated that it was "more or less not in dispute" that the law applicable to the carriage of the goods was the Carriage of Goods by Sea Act 1925 of India. That must have incorporated the old Hague Rules into the bill of lading contract. They were not, for present purposes, different from the Hague Visby Rules. Further, the judge made an express finding that the ship was seaworthy and cargoworthy.

On August 25, 1989, that is, before judgment was given in Cochin, the writ *in rem* in the present action was issued. It was served on May 4, 1990, on the Indian Endurance at Middlesbrough.

The statement of claim was in the ordinary form for a damage to cargo, alleging against the shipowners (1) breach of contract and/or duty as carrier by sea for reward to deliver the goods in like good order and condition as when shipped; (2) negligence, in breach of duty as carriers and/or as bailees for reward; and (3) breach of their obligations under articles III(1) and (2) of the Hague Visby Rules, which applied to the contracts contained in or evidenced by the two bills of lading under which the goods were shipped.

The plaintiffs submitted, first, that there was no identity between the cause of action which was the subject matter of the Cochin judgment, and that which was the subject matter of the proceedings in this country.

Second, they submitted that the issue in the present case fell to be decided not under section 34 of the 1982 Act but on the principle of issue estoppel: and that on that basis it was not appropriate to strike out the plaintiffs' claim at the present stage, since there were matters which required examination before any conclusion could be reached on that issue.

Third, in any event, the plaintiffs had raised the issue that the defendants' plea of *res judicata* was not open to them, since arguably they had waived their right to rely on it or were estopped from doing so, and the resolution of that issue too depended on a full investigation of the relevant facts.

Whereas it had been recognised that the judgment of a non-English court might give rise to a cause of action estoppel where the judgment was in favour of the defendant (see, for example, *Ricardo v Garcias* ((1845) 12 Cl & F 368)), and more recently to an issue estoppel (see *Carl Zeiss Stiftung v Rayner & Keeler Ltd (No 2)* ([1967] 1 AC 853)); nevertheless such a judgment, in favour of the plaintiff, did not at common law constitute a bar against proceedings in England founded on the same cause of action.

That was because the principle of merger in judgment did not apply in the case of a non-English judgment: see *Spencer Bower and Turner, Res Judicata* (2nd edition (1969) pp363-364). It was to remove that anomaly that section 34 of the 1982 Act was enacted.

The instant case was concerned with a single incident which resulted in the damage to the consignment of munitions and to loss. That loss or damage might have resulted from breach of more than one term of the contract but there was no need to distinguish between the two breaches, because the factual basis relied on the plaintiffs as giving rise to the breaches was the same. Thus there was identity between the causes of action in the two sets of proceedings.

In those circumstances, the plaintiffs' second submission, which was founded on the assumption that section 34 was inapplicable, did not arise.

Taking the section in isolation, its words could appropriately be read as providing no more than a bar against proceedings by the plaintiff rather than excluding the jurisdiction of the court. The fact that the function of the section was to overcome the difficulty created by the old rule that the doctrine of merger in judgment did not apply to foreign judgments did not require any different conclusion.

If the effect was that the statutory bar created by the section might be the subject of waiver or estoppel or contrary agreement, the result was only that in a case such as the present the general rule of public policy enshrined in the principle of *res judicata* was subject to a particular exception which enabled practical justice to be done in rare cases without any harm being done to the rule of public policy.

For those reasons it was open to the plaintiffs to raise the plea of waiver or estoppel in the present case.

The plaintiffs' plea of waiver or estoppel had not yet been pleaded but it was plain that it related to events in India and in this country. It would not be right for the plea to be rejected summarily in the way the defendants suggested.

Therefore the appeal should be allowed and the action remitted generally to the Admiralty judge, with the effect that he would be able to order the necessary pleadings and determine the issue in the ordinary way.

Lord Templeman, Lord Jauncey, Lord Mustill and Lord Slynn agreed.

Solicitors: Clyde & Co; Ince & Co.

Effect of accused's good character

Regina v Vye
Regina v Wise
Regina v Stephenson

Before Lord Taylor of Gosforth, Lord Chief Justice, Mr Justice Judge and Mr Justice Hidden

[Judgment February 18]

Guidance on the direction judges should give of the effect of a defendant's good character was provided by the Court of Appeal when delivering reserved judgment on appeals in three cases listed together all based on criticisms of the judges' directions to the jury on the effect of good character.

The situation concerning such directions regarding the relevance of good character to the defendant's credibility (the first limb) and his propensity to behave as alleged by the Crown (the second limb) had been described as something of a lottery.

The appeals were brought by John Arthur Wye, aged 50, of Anchor Road, Bournemouth; Peter Frederick James Wise, aged 36, of Lower Road, Hextable, Kent and Malcolm Stephenson, aged 37, of Hindhead Gardens, Northolt.

Mr Christopher Clark, QC and Mr Paul Garlick for Vye; Mr Christopher Clark, QC and Mr Peter Digney for Wise; Mr Michael Wolkind for Stephenson; all assigned by the Registrar of Criminal Appeals; Mr Martin Wilson, QC and Mr John Coveny, Mr James Bullen and Mr Nicholas Brown for the Crown.

THE LORD CHIEF JUSTICE, giving the reserved judgment of the court, said that the problems which seemed to be unresolved on the authorities were (a) whether a first limb direction needed to be given in a case where the defendant did not give evidence but had made statements to the police or others; (b) whether the second limb direction was not to be regarded as discretionary or obligatory; and (c) what course the judge should take in a joint trial where one defendant was of good character but another was not.

(a) When the defendant had not given evidence at trial but relied on exculpatory statements made to the police or others, the judge should direct the jury to have regard to the defendant's good character when considering the credibility of those statements.

He would, of course, be entitled to make observations about the way the jury should approach such exculpatory statements in contrast to evidence given on oath, but where the jury was considering the truthfulness of any such statements it would be logical for them to take good character into account, just as they would in regard to a defendant's evidence.

Clearly, if a defendant of good character did not give evidence and had given no pre-trial answers or statements, no issue as to his credibility arose and a first limb direction was not required.

(b) Their Lordships had been unable to discern any principle or consistent pattern as to when a second limb direction should be given and when it did not need to be given.

Their Lordships had considered the whole spectrum of situations likely to face the trial judge and had reached the conclusion that the time had come to give some clear guidance to trial judges as to how they should approach that matter.

Their conclusion was that such a direction should be given where a defendant was of good character. They could see no logical ground for distinguishing, in regard to a second limb direction, between cases where the defendant had given evidence and cases where he had not.

Having stated the general rule, however, their Lordships recognised it had to be for the trial judge in each case to decide how he tailored his direction to the particular circumstances.

He would probably wish to indicate, as was commonly done, that good character could not amount to a defence. In cases of a long-serving employee, he might wish to emphasise the second limb direction more than in the average case.

Provided that the judge indicated to the jury the two respects in which good character might be relevant, that is, credibility and propensity, the Court of Appeal would be slow to criticise any qualifying remarks he might make based on the facts of the individual case.

(c) Defendant A of good character was entitled to have the judge direct the jury as to its relevance in his case even if he was jointly tried with defendant B of bad character.

That left the question what, if anything, the judge should say about defendant B. In some cases the judge might think it best to grasp the nettle in his summing up and tell the jury that they had to try the case on the evidence, there had been no evidence about B's character, they must not speculate and not take the absence of information as to B's character as any evidence against B.

In other cases, the judge might, however, think it best to say nothing about the absence of evidence as to B's character.

What course he took had to depend on the circumstances of the individual case, for example, how great an issue had been made of character during the evidence and speeches.

The possibility of separate trials was a matter for the judge and was to be decided in accordance with well-established principles. There could certainly be no rule in favour of separate trials for defendants of good and bad character. Generally, those jointly indicted should be jointly tried.

The following principles were to be applied:

1 A direction as to the relevance of the defendant's good character to his credibility was to be given where he had testified or made pre-trial answers or statements.

2 A direction as to the relevance of his good character to the likelihood of his having committed the offence charged was to be given, whether or not he had testified, or made pre-trial answers or statements.

3 Where a defendant of good character was jointly tried with a defendant of bad character, 1 and 2 still applied.

On application of the principles, their Lordships allowed the appeals of Vye and Wise and dismissed the appeal of Stephenson.

Solicitors: Crown Prosecution Service, Headquarters.

Assessing investors' compensation

Regina v Investors Compensation Scheme Ltd, Ex parte Bowden and Others
Regina v Same, Ex parte Same

Before Lord Justice Mann and Mr Justice Tuckey

[Judgment February 16]

In quantifying compensation payable under the Investors Compensation Scheme (ICS), the board of the ICS was not bound to assess the amount of compensation as being equal to the amount of the defaulting firm's civil liability.

Thus the ICS was entitled to refuse to admit claims by investors for: (i) the cost of professional advice taken to mitigate their loss; (ii) sums received and spent on reliance of money raised and (iii) for illness and distress suffered in consequence of acting on a broker's advice, since the board's decision to refuse those claims was neither irrational nor reached without reference to a relevant consideration.

However, an application could be made by a personal representative of an eligible deceased investor when no application had been made by the investor during his lifetime and an application by an eligible deceased investor could be pursued by his personal representative.

The Queen's Bench Divisional Court so held in a reserved judgment in dismissing an application for judicial review brought by Mr Arthur Bowden and others of the decision of the board on August 7, 1992 that it was not bound to assess claims for compensation as being equal to the amount of the defaulting firm's civil liability; but allowing an application for judicial review of the decision of the board of November 30, 1992 that an application could not be made by the personal representatives of an eligible deceased investor when no application had been made by the investor during his lifetime.

The ICS administered the scheme which was governed by the Financial Services (Compensation of Investors) Rules 1990, which were made by the Securities and Investments Board. The scheme was funded by firms who were authorised under the Financial Services Act 1986 to engage in investment business. However, there was currently an excess of loss insurance in respect of claims exceeding £25 million a year.

Mr Nicholas Strauss, QC and Mr Neil Kitchener for the applicants; Mr Michael Beloff, QC and Miss Presley Baxendale, QC for the ICS.

LORD JUSTICE MANN, delivering the judgment of the court, said that the applications impugned decisions made under the 1990 Rules.

The circumstances were as follows: nine brokers advertised a home income plan under which they advised investors, who were usually elderly and living in mortgage-free accommodation, to raise money on a mortgage. The interest on the loan was either deferred or rolled up until the mortgage debt reached a specific percentage of the current market value of the house. Usually the loan was invested in an equity linked single premium bond which was intended to provide both an income for the house owner's pleasure and a discharge of the mortgage interest.

In a rising market the scheme was attractive but if the market value of the house fell while investment performance declined at a time when interest rates rose, the investor was confronted with a mortgage obligation which could not be met and the investor's house became exposed to repossession.

The applicants were people who were either advised to enter into home income plans or represented such people as did. It was common ground that the investors were persuaded to enter into the schemes in contravention of rules made under the Financial Services Act 1986. That contravention exposed the brokers to actions for damages under section 62(1) of the 1986 Act.

However, the brokers were worthless and in default and the applicants applied for compensation under the scheme.

The applicants contended that the ICS had misinterpreted the rules and/or reached irrational decisions. The principal issue raised in the first application was whether the ICS was bound by the rules to assess the amount of compensation as being equal to the amount of the defaulting firm's civil liability.

In their Lordships' judgment, the concluding words of rule 2.04(1) were a limiting provision to the effect that the ICS could decide how much it would meet of an application in respect of a claim which was not a basic compensatable claim. That consideration could only be impugned if it were irrational but not otherwise.

Thus, the decision by the ICS to refuse to reimburse professional fees incurred by investors seeking to mitigate their loss, while recoverable if reasonably incurred as a head of damages against a broker, could not be said to be an irrational decision.

Neither could the refusal by the ICS to compensate for money spent by the investors on reliance on the investments purchased from their mortgage loans nor refusing claims for damages for illness, distress, anxiety, stress and inconvenience be said to be irrational.

The second application concerned, *inter alia*, the board's decision not to entertain claims made by the personal representatives of a deceased investor and not to determine claims made by an investor who died before a determination had been made.

Mr Strauss submitted that it would be absurd if an application could not be made or continued by a personal representative and that their Lordships should construe the rules so as to avoid absurdity. Their Lordships considered that a strong submission.

Moreover, the board's standard preliminary information form contemplated that applications for compensation might be made on behalf of deceased investors. Death was inevitable but its occurrence before an application or before determination was accidental.

The scheme was for the compensation of small investors and ordinarily they would have regarded their savings as a benefit for their family. They would be surprised if the moment of death was to affect injuriously the inheritance.

In their Lordships' judgment, the law did not require so unjust a conclusion. An eligible investor was vested by the rules, on default of an authorised person, to apply for compensation and with an expectation that his application would be determined. On an investor's death his right and his expectation were transmissible to his personal representatives.

Solicitors: Barnett Sampson; Wilde Sapte.

Enforcement notice charges should be tried

Regina v Beaconsfield Magistrates Court, Ex parte South Buckinghamshire District Council
Regina v Same, Ex parte Same

Before Lord Justice Staughton and Mr Justice Buckley

[Judgment February 12]

As a general rule, justices should proceed to hear and determine the guilt or innocence of a defendant charged with breach of an enforcement notice notwithstanding the fact that a planning application had been recently presented.

The Queen's Bench Divisional Court so held in refusing two applications for judicial review brought by South Buckinghamshire District Council against the decisions of Beaconsfield Magistrates Court on August 9, 1991 adjourning indefinitely prosecutions against Mrs Phyllis Keets and Mrs Nancy Smith for breach of enforcement notices.

Mr Timothy Straker for the district council; Mr Francis MacLeod Matthews for Mrs Keets; Miss Sarah Dines for Mrs Smith.

LORD JUSTICE STAUGHTON said that in Mrs Keet's case an enforcement notice was served in April 1982 and her appeal to the secretary of state was dismissed in May 1983. In Mrs Smith's case an enforcement notice was served in March 1984. No further action was taken in either case until June 20, 1991 when summonses were issued alleging contraventions of the earlier enforcement notices.

Section 179(5) of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 had the effect that besides being guilty of an offence of failing to comply with an enforcement notice, the defendant could become liable to a fine of up to £200 a day. In his Lordship's judgment the justices were entitled to consider the effect of the sub-section.

Taking into account the particular circumstances of the two defendants: their age, means, health and also the substantial time during which the district council had taken no action consequent on the breach of the enforcement notices, his Lordship considered the justices were entitled to take a very unusual course. The wholly exceptional circumstances entitled the justices to take a wholly exceptional course.

Mr Justice Buckley delivered a concurring judgment.

Solicitors: Sharpe Pritchard for Mr A. P. Levings, Slough; Lance Kent & Co, Berkhamsted; Peter Kingshill & Co.

Employer not liable for fire-station fall

Dixon v London Fire and Civil Defence Authority

A fire authority was not to be held in breach of its duty of care to an employee who slipped and injured himself because of water on the tiled floor of a fire station.

The Court of Appeal (Lord Justice Stuart-Smith, Lord Justice Nourse and Lord Justice Mann) so stated on February 15 when dismissing an appeal by the Michael Joseph Dixon, a station officer at Leytonstone Fire Station, from Mr Assistant Recorder Sharp at Wood Green Crown Court in August 1991 that his employer, the London Fire and Civil Defence Authority, was not liable for the plaintiff's injuries.

LORD JUSTICE STUART-SMITH said that the water, endemic in a fire station . . had leaked from the valve of a pump of a fire appliance on to the tiled floor, causing the plaintiff to slip.

But he had not shown that his employer had failed to take reasonable steps to cure leaking, a problem it had had for many years.

Further, the plaintiff could not establish any failure by the employer to provide a proper floor. The quarry tiles, embossed with studs, although not providing the best surface to prevent slipping, were of a type shown to be satisfactory for the various functions taking place at a fire station and that was relevant.

Creditor cashed smaller cheque

Stour Valley Builders (a Firm) v Stuart and Another

It was a question of fact in each case whether there was accord and settlement of a debt when a creditor accepted and cashed a cheque, sent in full and final satisfaction of the claim, which was for a smaller amount than the creditor claimed.

The Court of Appeal (Lord Justice Lloyd and Mr Justice Connell) so held in dismissing as appeal by the defendants, Mr and Mrs T. P. Stuart, from a decision of Mr Assistant Recorder Akast, at Sudbury County Court, in favour of the plaintiffs, Stour Valley Builders, who had claimed for sums due under a contract.

LORD JUSTICE LLOYD said that the defendants had argued that the court should adopt the rule in the United States, which appeared to be that a creditor who used or retained a cheque with knowledge that it had been sent in full and final settlement was regarded as having accepted it on those terms.

However, *Day v McLea* ([1889] 22 QB 610) was binding authority against the application of such a rule in England.

There the court had held that keeping the cheque was not as a matter of law conclusive and it was a question of fact on what terms the cheque was kept.

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Faith in fact and fiction

John Updike's new novel is published in Britain next week. **Clive Davis** talks to one of America's most distinguished writers

The pavements are dusted with frost and the ice skaters are out in force on Boston Common. Across the road, in the dining room of one of those stately hotels where you half-expect to glimpse a character from an Edith Wharton novel, John Updike raises his voice slightly to make himself heard above the tinkling of a cocktail pianist.

I briefly rewind my tape recorder to make sure that his words are being picked up. Updike, 61 next month and dressed in a sober tweedy jacket, gives a mild grimace at the sound of his own voice: "It's a shock for me because I have this languid country boy manner which I'm not aware of when I'm talking. See, I think I'm this fairly urbane citizen of the world of culture, and I come out with this twangy voice, like I never left high school in a way."

Updike a good ol' country boy? Not quite. He is, after all, arguably America's most distinguished novelist, and a superb critic who can deliver polished opinions on any subject from theology to art history or the US Masters golf tournament. To a foreigner, in fact, his speech sounds as punctilious and cultivated as that of a lawyer. Yet as he made clear in his memoirs *Self-Consciousness*, published in 1989, he still carries within him the small-town youth from Pennsylvania who made his first nervous entrance into Harvard Yard 40-odd years ago. It is a contrast which lies behind his most celebrated creation, Harry Angstrom, the candy-munching Everyman at the centre of the four "Rabbit" novels.

Harry, sad to say, is no more. The last time we saw him, three years ago in *Rabbit At Rest*, he was on his death-bed in an intensive-care ward. Updike's latest anti-hero, Alfred Clayton, the narrator of *Memories Of The Ford Administration* (to be published by Hamish Hamilton in Britain on March 4) belongs to a more rarefied social circle.

A history professor at an obscure college in New Hampshire, Clayton has been asked by an academic journal to write about his memories and impressions of Gerald Ford's presidency. Once he begins his mind veers off into less scholarly concerns: reminiscences of the rampant extra-marital affairs that he indulged in during the mid-Seventies. He also strays into dense reconstructions of the life of another president, James Buchanan, Abraham Lincoln's predecessor. Clayton has long been obsessed with Buchanan, and seizes the opportunity to reproduce sections of a biography which he has been labouring over for years.

In America the novel has received respectful rather than wildly enthusiastic notices ("The reviewers yawned their way through the historical sections," Updike admits). The main problem, perhaps, is that where Gore Vidal, say, would have served up a full-blooded costume drama along the lines of the bestsellers *Lincoln* or *1876*, Updike is caught halfway between the demands of his two distinct story-lines.

But at least he has finally got Buchanan out of his system. For like Clayton, he has been edging around the subject for years — since the Sixties, in fact, when he began researching an historical novel about Buchanan, a stolid pragmatist (much like Updike himself) who happens to be the only native Pennsylvanian ever to occupy the White House.

> 'Updike can deliver polished opinions on any subject from theology to art history or golf'

The project never came to fruition, and Updike eventually set to work on *Rabbit Redux*, the sequel to *Rabbit, Run* (as a tiny gesture he gave one of the main characters, Harry's black workmate, the name Buchanan). Then in 1974 came a closet play, *Buchanan Dying*, which provides much of the raw material for the new novel.

The play made little impact, and it is not difficult to see why. It is a static, declamatory piece which — so Updike was informed — would take about eight hours to perform. The author's Afterword alone runs to 80 pages.

"That relative failure still rankles," Updike explains. "Eventually I felt I would be able to tackle the novel again if I invented this intermediate historian. Because I just didn't feel freed up the first time. I was constantly bothered by questions: Did it really happen this way? What clothes were they wearing? How was the room lit?"

The Rabbit novels belong very much to the realist tradition, underpinned by Updike's Lutheran background. Yet he has always expressed a preference for more experimental fare — "crotchety modernist magicians like Joyce and Nabokov and Calvino". Of his own books he has often spoken of his preference for multi-layered works such as *The Coup* (1978), set in an imaginary African state.

The coy, self-referential structure of *Memories Of The Ford Administration* places it squarely in the category of the dreaded "post-modernist" novel. Updike does not object to the label, but his response is curiously ambivalent: "It's interesting to see myself become a post-modernist, having begun my career before there was such a term. Actually I don't like novels that are tricky in that way.

"I mean, I feel slightly resentful being asked to believe and yet not believe. Come on! Which do you want? I've just finished Philip Roth's new novel, *Operation Shylock*, which has layers upon layers and is very self-doubting, and it makes for a kind of tedium. With a Victorian novel we could read a hundred pages and yet not be aware of it — they've ripped by. You don't get that when you're so aware of the author there overhead. And yet writing this book, using certain self-referential things like the bracketed notes to the editors of the journal, was very entertaining to me. There is a certain charm in it for the author which doesn't, of course, translate into charm for the reader necessarily."

The question that you cannot resist asking — even though it sounds foolish — is whether Harry Angstrom might be brought back once more? Updike confesses that he is beginning to miss the old rogue. The idea of not having him to write about at the end of another decade is, he admits, a cause for sadness. But to bring him back would almost require divine intervention.

"Still, yes, he was good to me, you might say. He posed interesting questions by acting things out where I would only think. He wasn't burdened with a college education and the kind of jargon that insulates us from our own lives. You know, whatever happens to you, you can read about it in Freud or Chekhov. And so in some way we're padded against experiencing our own lives as intensely as a person like Harry does."

Updike's recent writings give the impression that thoughts of his own mortality have been crowding in on him. *Self-Consciousness*, in particular, has a sombre tone, as if Updike were some medieval scholar retreating to his bed to settle accounts with his Maker. The still boyish figure in summer shorts on the cover of the 1983 collected essays *Hugging The Shore* is replaced on *Odd Jobs* — published eight years later — by a pinched senior citizen shovelling twigs onto a bonfire.

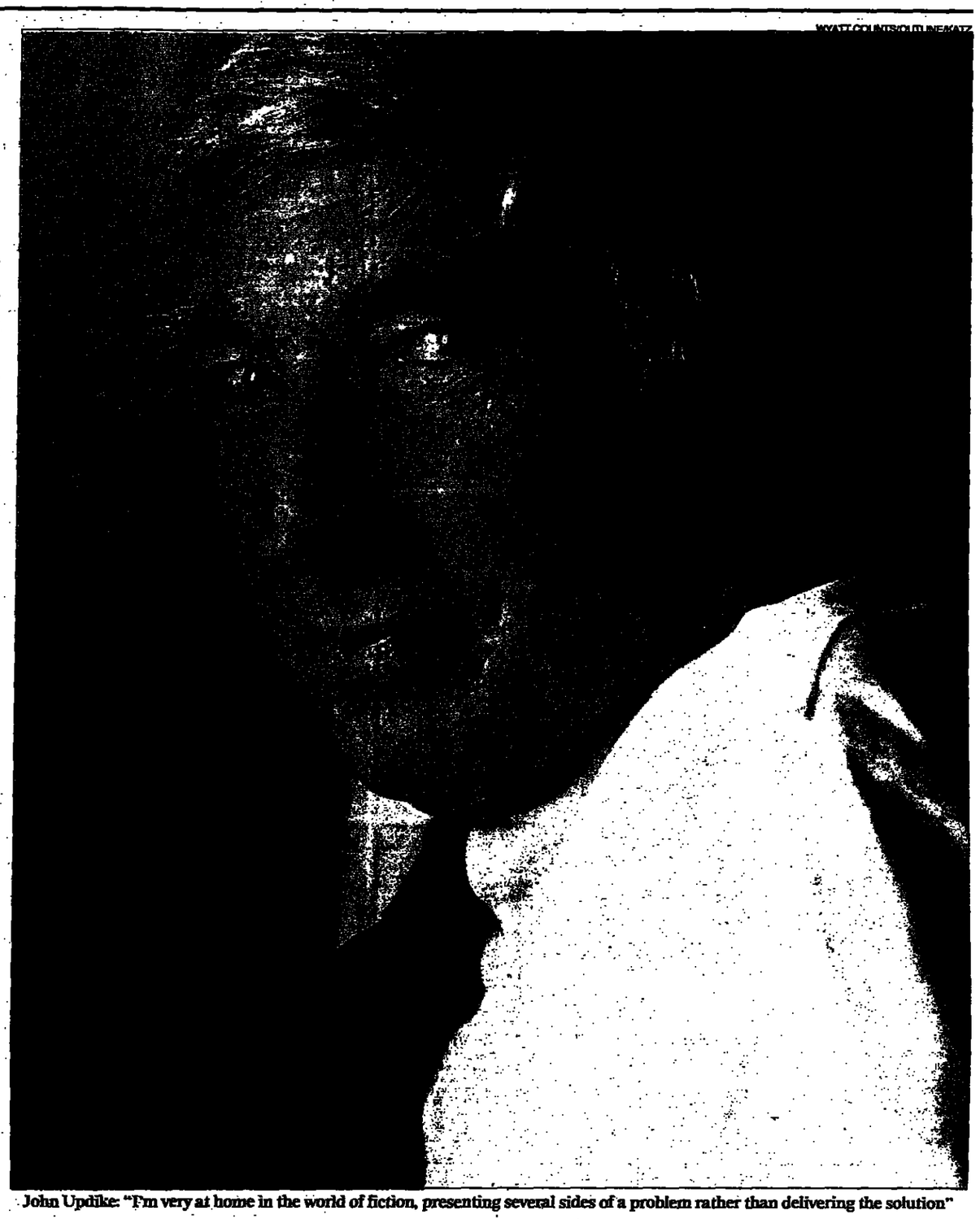
One reason for his melancholy, he explains, was the death of his mother in 1989. The first draft of *Rabbit At Rest* was completed around the same time, and Updike feels that his own death now seems more, well, plausible than it ever was before. And as he gets older he finds it more difficult to plug into mainstream American life.

Even so he is still relatively young and in good health. He is currently at work on another novel. Beyond that there is the possibility that he may concentrate on non-fiction works which explicitly deal with questions of religious faith. *Self-Consciousness* was a step in that direction, but now he wonders whether the field should not be left to "the professional academic wisdom-seekers".

But aren't those people addressing a specialised campus audience, with all the jargon that entails? The great merit of *Self-Consciousness* is surely that it speaks to the common reader. Updike accepts the compliment, but gently shakes his head.

"I'm afraid I'm enough of a maths teacher's son to sort of believe in science. I believe that the basic breakthroughs in our world-view are made in laboratories. Just by thinking doesn't do it — you've got to get down there with the cyclotron or the telescope or whatever.

"Yes, I have that notion of winding up with a set of small books of what used to be called 'philosophy'. But then I wonder if I have a philosophy. I really don't. I'm very at home in the world of fiction, presenting several sides of a problem rather than delivering the solution. I was correctly cast as a writer because I'm as confused and as ambivalent, selfish and fitful as my characters."



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John Updike: "I'm very at home in the world of fiction, presenting several sides of a problem rather than delivering the solution"

TELEVISION REVIEW: **Benedict Nightingale** on the latest series by Dennis Potter

Potter's wheels are already racing

Never having ventured inside the massive grey bulwarks of the War Office, not even in the National Service era, I cannot vouch for the authenticity of what Dennis Potter has found there: the files, the gilt chandeliers and towering columns, the pictures of a jowly Churchill and a girlish Queen, the chap in the Old Etonian tie worrying over his papers on the top table, the subordinates in civvies at their heavy brown desks. But having ventured often enough inside Dennis Potter, I can certainly vouch for the authenticity of what came from that outré imagination last night.

A debonair major in braces murmured "bumholes" in an abstracted, affectionate way, and repeated the word again and again, to the mild consternation of his colonel. The sound of The Platters singing "Oh Yes, I'm the Great Pretender" wafted in, maybe from Whitehall, maybe from Heaven. A pink and pristine girl wiggled about the room in a fig-leaf, took it off, and lolled provocatively on a desk. Then another pop song started up, and suddenly the officers and gentlemen were swaying and bopping and making vague passes at the bored young clerk whose waking dream, it seemed, all this had been.

Trust Potter. Who could launch into a story in so blithely offbeat a way but the author of *Pennies from Heaven*, *The Singing Detective* and, more recently and less happily, *Blackeyes*? What the first two of those serials did for the 1930s and 1940s, **Lipstick On Your Collar** (Channel 4) presumably will try to do for the 1950s. On the evidence of the first episode, it will inspect the human viscera beneath the cultural skin, concentrating on two sorts of tension, the sexual and the social.

Louise Germaine (left) and Kymberley Huffman in a scene from *Lipstick On Your Collar*

That will not be to everyone's taste. At times last night, for instance when a winged nude fluttered outside the War Office window, I wondered if Potter's mix of fantasy, realism, song and period documentary might not be too whimsically portentous for mine. But there were also some hilarious moments, notably when a frightened Welsh private presented himself at M.I. (B.O.): meaning Military Intelligence, Battle Order.

Perhaps Francis Francis, as he was improbably called, was more callow and gormless than a brilliant Russian translator would have been even in the innocent 1950s. Perhaps his insecurity was somewhat overstressed by Giles Thomas. But he certainly cut an entertainingly incongruous figure as he stood to attention among the supercilious swells, his kit making him look like some absurdly overloaded little Jeep, and dazedly gave the reasons for his late arrival. He had mistaken the National Gallery for the War Office and had spent the last hour looking at what evidently mattered more to him than anything military: works of art and things of beauty.

Clearly, his love of Russian poetry will not be of direct help to him in future episodes that, to judge by the extracts from newsreels inserted into the action, will largely involve Cold War paranoia in Whitehall. Nor is his ability rapturously to quote Shakespeare's tribute to Silvia in *The Two Gentlemen of Verona* likely to make the right impact on the sluttish cinema usherette of the same name who lives on the first floor of his aunt's place in back-to-back Fulham. But dramatically that should be a plus. Everything is ready to go: promising conflicts between romance and realism, and a cast that includes Clive Francis, Maggie Steed, Bernard Hill and, as a wonderfully vague and flummoxed Etonian, Peter Jeffrey. If Potter can stop imagination becoming tricksy excess, the outlook for *Lipstick On Your Collar* must be good.

BRIAN KEENAN, the Irishman held hostage in Lebanon with the British reporter John McCarthy, has agreed that Channel 4 will turn the story of his imprisonment into a feature film. *Blind Flight*, based on Keenan's book *An Evil Cradling*, will go into production later this year and be televised and shown in cinemas in 1994. The writer John Furse, currently scripting a film about the German destruction of Warsaw in 1944, will produce the Keenan film.

● THE Proms come early to the Albert Hall this year — or at least, one feature of them does, for one day only. When the Berlin Philharmonic Orchestra plays its "Europa Concert" at the Albert Hall on May 1, the seats will be removed from the Arena, allowing standing tickets to be sold at £5. Another unusual feature of the concert (now an annual event, held in a different city each year and marking the BPO's founding on May Day 1882) is the starting time, 10.30am. This is vital if the concert is to be televised live in Japan. Korea and 15 European countries are also broadcasting the concert live. Bernard Haitink conducts.

Score draws

THE silent-film revival continues, not so silently. Next month at the Queen Elizabeth Hall in London a three-day festival of "Sounds and Silents" will include the British premiere of a new, 75-minute score to accompany the original, silent version of Alfred Hitchcock's film *Blackmail*. The score has been commissioned from the young British composer Jonathan Lloyd, and will be played live by the Matrix Ensemble while the film is shown. After the festival (which runs from March 18 to 21) the Matrix Ensemble will tour the country with *Blackmail* and *Moulin Rouge*, for which jazz composer Mike Westbrook provided a new score three years ago.

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● WELSH National Opera's association with Amoco has been one of the most fruitful sponsorship deals in the British arts world. It has been going for 14 years now, providing the wherewithal not only for new productions and bursaries for promising young singers, but for guest appearances in London. In April WNO visits Covent Garden for the third time, bringing its musically distinguished new production of *Tristan und Isolde* (April 19 and 23) and a new staging yet to be unveiled of Donizetti's once popular but recently neglected *La Favorita* (April 21 and 24). The Wagner will allow London audiences to hear Anne Evans as Isolde, the role she was to have sung in the Royal Opera's cancelled production.

Hitchcock's silent *Blackmail*: to be shown with a new score

Good times roll

A GOOD-TIME feel: that is the professed aim of the national touring programme, Silk Cut City Jazz, details of which have just been announced. Hard-core jazzniks are not being totally excluded, however, since the roster also includes Wynton Marsalis and Carla Bley (both due here in June) as well as Courtney Pine, who will be leading an American fusion band in May. The season begins in funk mode with James Brown's effervescent sideman Maceo Parker, whose Roots Revisited band (featuring Fred Wesley and Pee Wee Ellis) will visit Edinburgh, London, Birmingham and Manchester in April. The series will be rounded off in July with three concerts by Georgie Fame.

Last chance . . .

TIM Albery's production of *Don Carlos* is the latest in a remarkable string of successes for Opera North. Albery makes a virtue of the company's lack of resources: his staging, in Hildegard Bechtler's Appia-inspired decor, is free of grand-operatic flim-flam and concentrates mercilessly on the philosophical, political and personal issues with a directness worthy of Verdi. The opera is very well sung (in clear English), with especially telling performances from John Tomlinson (King Philip) and Anthony Michaels-Moore (Posa). Paul Daniel conducts with passion. The last performances are at the Opera House, Manchester, tomorrow and Saturday (061-236 9922).

TODAY'S EVENTS

A daily guide to arts and entertainment compiled by Karl Knight

LONDON

ENGLISH TOURING OPERA: Clare Venables stages Mozart's dark comedy *Così fan tutte* (using Jeremy Sams's English translation), conducted by Ivor Bolton. *Così* plays in repertory with Tim Hopkins's staging of Verdi's *Falstaff*. **Sadler's Wells**, Rosebery Avenue, EC1 (071-278 8916). Tonight, Wed, Fri (*Così*); tomorrow, Thurs, Sat (*Falstaff*), 7.30pm.

THE BARBER OF SEVILLE: Stephen Unwin's cheery restaging of Rossini's comic masterpiece is splendidly revived at the Royal Opera. Thomas Hampson's fluent and powerful Figaro is matched by Jennifer Larmore's spirited and vibrant Rosina. The supporting cast includes Gabriel Bacquier (Dr Bartolo) and Bruce Ford (Almaviva). Evelino Pidò conducts. **Royal Opera House**, Covent Garden, WC2 (071-240 1066), 7.30pm.

THE IMPORTANCE OF BEING EARNEST: Oscar Wilde's classic comedy, billed in 1895 as "a trivial comedy for serious people", is given a new production directed by Nicholas Hytner and designed by Bob Crowley, the team that worked together on *Carousel* at the National. Maggie Smith plays Lady Bracknell, Alex Jennings is John Worthing and Richard E Grant, Algernon Moncrieff. **Aldwych**, Aldwych, WC2 (071-836 6404). Previews from tonight, 7.30pm; opens Mar 9, 7pm; then Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats (from Feb 28). Wed, Sat, 2.30pm.

AIRTO AND FLORA PURIM'S FOURTH WORLD: The Brazilian husband-and-wife partnership begins a four-week residency providing an airy symphony of jazz and Latin rhythms. **Ronnie Scott's**, Frith Street, W1 (071-439 0747). Tonight-Sat, 8.30pm.

LIFE ON THE HOME FRONT IN THE SECOND WORLD WAR: This hands-on exhibition for children promises the chance to enrol at one Herbert Street School where teacher Mrs Vera Fox will take you back to the days of the Blitz. There are wartime dishes to eat, gas masks to try on and the museum's Blitz Experience to assault the senses. **Imperial War Museum**, Lambeth Road, SE1 (071-416 5000). Today-Sun, sessions at 1pm, 2pm and 3pm.

THE GREAT AGE OF BRITISH WATERCOLOUR. This important new show reveals that between 1750 and 1880 much of the most innovatory work was done in watercolour. Some 300 works by the most famous British watercolourists make the point irresistibly. **Royal Academy of Arts**, Piccadilly, W1 (071-439 7438). Daily, 10am-6pm, until April 12.

SPRING LOADED: Jonathan Burrows gives a final London showing to his carefully-observed *Very*, a dark and tense work choreographed for three dancers, involving stunning lighting designs by Peter Mumford. **The Place**, 17 Duke's Road, WC1 (071-387 0031), tonight, tomorrow, 8pm.

REGIONAL

CARDIFF: The late Göran Järvefelt's gripping and thoughtful production of Verdi's opera *Un ballo in Maschera* is revived at **Welsh National Opera** with a fine cast that includes Richard Margison, Lisa Gasteen, Donald Maxwell, Anne Marie Owens and Rebecca Evans. Carlo Rizzi conducts the opening-night performance. **New Theatre**, Park Place (0222 394844), 7.15pm.

GLASGOW. Elvis Costello and The Brodsky Quartet give the first live performances of their gloomy new collaboration, *The Juliet Letters*, a song sequence exploring the under-used combination of voice and string quartet. **Royal Concert Hall**, Buchanan Street (041-227 5511), 7.30pm.

BIRMINGHAM: Simply Red, the purveyors of immaculately produced pop-soul fusion, give the first of six stadium dates. **NEC**, Junction 6, M42 (021-780 4133), tonight-Wed, Fri-Sun, 7.30pm.

NEWCASTLE: The opening week of the **Royal Shakespeare Company's** five-week season. At the Theatre Royal David Thacker's exquisite *As You Like It* with Kate Buffery; at the Playhouse Max Stafford-Clark's rousing production of Brome's *A Jovial Crew*. **Theatre Royal**, Grey Street, and **Playhouse** (091-232 2061). All perfs Mon-Sat, 7.15pm; mats Thurs, Sat, 2pm.

OXFORD: To mark the bicentenary year of Carlo Goldoni's death, his comic masterpiece *The Venetian Twins* is dramatised by **Oxford Stage Company**. Peter Jordan stars as both twins. **Playhouse**, Beaumont Street (0865 798600). Tonight-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Thurs, Sat, 2.30pm.

SOUTHAMPTON: English National Ballet has been without a production of *Swan Lake* since dropping Natalia Makarova's rather idiosyncratic version several years ago. This production comes courtesy of Bolshoi ballerina Raissa Struchkova and uses sets and costumes from the 1982 *Swan Lake* designed by Carl Toms. **Mayflower Theatre**, Commercial Road, (0703 229771). Tonight-Sat, 7.30pm, special reduced price matinée, Wed, 2.30pm.

THEATRE GUIDE

Jeremy Kingston's assessment of theatre showing in London

■ House full, returns only
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■ **CAROUSEL:** Joanna Riding and Michael Hayden star in a triumphant revival of the Rodgers & Hammerstein fairground musical. **National (Lyttelton)**, South Bank, SE1 (071-928 2252). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed, Sat, 2.15pm. 180mins.

◪ **LE CIRQUE INVISIBLE:** Victoria Chaplin and Jean Baptiste Thierrée return with their troupe of acrobats, clowns and other performers in an exotic, engaging new family show. **Riverside Studios**, Crisp Road, W6 (081-748 3354). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm. 120mins.

■ **CYRANO DE BERGERAC:** Robert Lindsay looks right as the nasally challenged hero but the production is too bustling to give enough room to the full poignancy of his fate. **Theatre Royal**, Haymarket, SW1 (071-930 8800). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed and Sat, 2.30pm. 180mins.

□ **ENNIO MARCHETTO:** The master of quick-change origami cabaret, with impressions from Mona Lisa to Madonna and everyone in between. **Whitehall**, Whitehall, SW1 (071-867 1119). Mon-Fri, 8pm, Sat, 6pm and 9pm, mat Thurs, 4pm. 120mins.

□ **ENTERTAINING MR SLOANE:** Brisk, pointed revival of Orton's first success, with Janet Dale and Ian Gelder as a sublimely amoral brother-and-sister team. **Greenwich**, Crooms Hill, SE10 (081-858 7755). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mat Sat, 2.30pm. 135mins.

□ **THE GIFT OF THE GORGON:** Peter Shaffer's latest, bloodthirsty revenge versus forgiveness on a modern Greek island. Deep issues, fifty treatment but Judi Dench is powerful. **The Pit**, Barbican Centre, Silk Street, EC2 (071-638 8891). Tonight, tomorrow, 7.15pm. 165mins.

■ **HAMLET:** Kenneth Branagh superb in Adrian Noble's first-class production. Uncut version. **Barbican**, Barbican Centre, EC2 (071-638 8891). Tonight, tomorrow, 6.30pm. 270mins.

□ **HAY FEVER:** Very funny performances (not always where you expect) in Coward's excellent comedy. **Albery**, St Martin's Lane, WC2 (071-867 1115). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats, Thurs, Sat, 3pm. 150mins.

◪ **AN IDEAL HUSBAND:** Anna Carteret, Hannah Gordon and Martin Shaw in Wilde's "insider dealing" melodrama. Some dated assumptions but stylishly done. **Globe**, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (071-494 5065). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mats Thurs, 3pm, Sat, 4pm. 165mins.

■ **THE INVISIBLE MAN:** Not so cosy a venue as its birthplace in Stratford East but the show is as jolly as ever. Paul Kieve's magic tricks are amazing. **Vaudeville**, Strand, WC2 (071-836 9987). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed, Sat, 3pm. 150mins.

◪ **KING LEAR:** Solid, respectable performance by Tom Wilkinson in a low-powered staging by Max Stafford-Clark. With Saskia Reeves, Hugh Ross. **Royal Court**, Sloane Square, SW1 (071-730 1745). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mat Sat, 2.30pm. 195mins.

◪ **KISS OF THE SPIDER WOMAN:** Tremendously glossy production of the Kander & Ebb musical. It coarsens the values of Manuel Puig's novel but Chita Rivera makes a striking vamp. **Shaftesbury**, Shaftesbury Avenue, WC2 (071-379 5399). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Wed, Sat, 3pm. 160mins.

◪ **THE LAST YANKEE:** Subtle and touching Arthur Miller premiere: Zoe Wanamaker, Peter Davison lead a quartet of middle-aged Americans troubled by material success. **Young Vic**, 66 The Cut, SE1 (071-928 6363). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Wed, Sat, 2.30pm. 75mins.

□ **LOST IN YONKERS:** Terrific performance by Rosemary Harris in a Neil Simon comedy more weighty than usual. Maureen Lipman gives good value as a loopy aunt. **Strand**, Aldwych, WC2 (071-930 8800). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed, Sat, 2.30pm. 160mins.

◪ **MISERY:** Nonsensical but chilling production of Stephen King's thriller. **Criterion**, Piccadilly Circus, W1 (071-839 4488). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Wed, 3pm, Sat, 4pm. 150mins.

□ **LA MUSICA:** Very intense dissection of past love by Marguerite Duras: Harriet Walter's charged performance provides interest. **Hampstead**, Swiss Cottage Centre, NW3 (071-722 9301). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mat Sat, 4pm. 90mins. Final week.

□ **NO MAN'S LAND:** Paul Eddington and the author in tense, sharply comic Pinter. Riveting stuff. **Comedy**, Panton Street, W1 (071-867 1045). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Thurs, 3pm, Sat, 5pm. 130mins.

◪ **THE PRISONERS OF WAR:** Lively production of J.R. Ackerley's coded but clear drama about British officers tormented by love for one another. Astonishingly licensed by the Lord Chamberlain in 1926. **New End**, 27 New End, Hampstead, NW3 (071-794 0022). Tues-Sun, 8pm, mat Sun, 4pm. 115mins. Final week.

□ **TRAVELS WITH MY AUNT:** William Gaunt, John Wells, Richard Kane, Christopher Gee play all 26 parts in Giles Havergal's marvellous adaptation of Graham Greene's novel. **Wyndham's**, Charing Cross Road, WC2 (071-867 1116). Mon-Fri, 8pm, Sat, 8.15pm, mats Wed, 3pm, Sat, 5pm. 140mins.

□ **TRELAWNY OF THE "WELLS":** The *Les Misérables* partnership of John Caird and John Napier renewed to stage Pinero's comedy. Second revival this season. With Robin Bailey, Helen McCrory, Michael Bryant. **National (Olivier)**, South Bank, SE1 (071-928 2252). Tonight, 7.15pm. 190mins.

LONG RUNNERS: □ **Blood Brothers:** Phoenix (071-867 1044) ■ **Buddy:** Victoria Palace (071-834 1317) ... ■ **Cats:** New London (071-405 0072) ... □ **Don't Dress for Dinner:** Duchess (071-494 5070) ... ■ **Five Guys Named Moe:** Lyric (071-494 5045) ... ◪ **It Runs in the Family:** Playhouse (071-839 4401) ... ■ **Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat:** Palladium (071-494 5037) ... ■ **Les Misérables:** Palace (071-434 0909) ... ■ **Miss Saigon:** Theatre Royal, Drury Lane (071-494 5400) ... □ **The Mousetrap:** St Martin's (071-836 1443) ... ■ **The Phantom of the Opera:** Her Majesty's (071-494 5400) ... ◪ **Starlight Express:** Apollo Victoria (071-828 8665) ... □ **The Woman in Black:** Fortune (071-836 2238).

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CINEMA GUIDE

Geoff Brown's assessment of films in London and (where indicated with the symbol ◆) on release across the country

NEW RELEASES

BAD LIEUTENANT (18): Forceful, uncomfortable study of a depraved New York cop hooked on drugs and alcohol from director Abel Ferrara. Astonishing performance by Harvey Keitel. **Odeon Haymarket** (0426 915353) **Renoir** (071-837 8402) **Screen on the Green** (071-226 3520).

◆ **HELLRAISER III: HELL ON EARTH** (18): Clive Barker's Pinhead monster returns for more bizarre carnage. Director, Anthony Hickox. **MGM Haymarket** (071-839 1527) **MGM Oxford Street** (071-636 0310) **Odeon Kensington** (0426 914666) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3332).

THE LAST DAYS OF CHEZ NOUS (15): An eccentric Sydney household unravels over one hot summer. Uneven feminist drama from Gillian Armstrong. **Camden Parkway** (071-267 7034) **Chelsea** (071-351 3742/3743) **Metro** (071-437 0757).

MEAN STREETS (18): Scorsese's breakthrough film of 1973 still roars with life. Harvey Keitel, Robert De Niro as hoods and wastrels from New York's Little Italy. **Camden Plaza** (071-485 2443) **MGM Panton Street** (071-930 0631)

◆ **A RIVER RUNS THROUGH IT** (PG). Robert Redford's hymn to family, nature and fly fishing. Beautifully mounted, but lacking punch. With Craig Sheffer, Brad Pitt, Tom Skerritt. **MGM Fulham Road** (071-370 2636) **MGM Haymarket** (071-839 1527) **MGM Shaftesbury Avenue** (071-836 6279) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3332).

CURRENT

◆ **BRAM STOKER'S DRACULA** (18): Gary Oldman as the Transylvanian legend, preying on Victorian London. Visually audacious, but cold to the touch. Francis Coppola directs. **Barbican** (071-638 8891) **MGM Baker Street** (071-935 9772) **MGM Chelsea** (071-352 5096) **Odeons: Kensington** (0426 914666) **Leicester Square** (0426 915683) **Marble Arch** (0426 914501) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3332).

◆ **DAMAGE** (18). MP Jeremy Irons pursues destructive affair with his own son's fiancée (Juliette Binoche). Riveting version of Josephine Hart's novel, coolly directed by Louis Malle. **Curzon West End** (071-439 4805) **Empire** (071-497 9999) **Gate** (071-727 4043) **MGM Chelsea** (071-352 5096) **Odeon Kensington** (0426 914666) **Screen on the Hill** (071-435 3366) **Screen on Baker Street** (071-935 2772).

◆ **HONEY, I BLEW UP THE KID** (U): Amiable, inoffensive *I Shrunk the Kids* sequel, with Rick Moranis as the accident-prone dad with a 100-feet-tall tot who heads for Las Vegas. Director, Randal Kleiser. **Camden Parkway** (071-267 7034) **MGM Chelsea** (071-352 5096) **MGM Oxford Street** (071-636 0310) **Odeons: Kensington** (0426 914666) **West End** (0426 915574) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3332).

THE LIVING END (18): HIV-positive road movie from American independent Gregg Araki. Insolent and powerful. With Mike Dytri and Craig Gilmore. **MGM Piccadilly** (071-437 3561) **Everyman** (071-435 1525).

OLIVIER OLIVIER (15): Teenager missing for six years returns home; but is it him? Fascinating story, but prosaic treatment by director Agnieszka Holland. **MGM Swiss Centre** (071-439 4470).

◆ **RESERVOIR DOGS** (18): A jewel robbery goes haywire. Quirky tale of betrayal, loyalty and violence from bright new talent Quentin Tarantino. **Camden Parkway** (071-267 7034) **MGM Chelsea** (071-352 5096) **MGM Haymarket** (071-839 1527) **Odeon Kensington** (0426 914666) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3332).

SHADOWS AND FOG (15): Woody Allen's technically dazzling but indulgent homage to German Expressionist cinema. With Mia Farrow, John Malkovich, and, very briefly, Madonna. **Lumière** (071-836 0691).

A WINTER'S TALE (12): A Paris hairdresser's quest for true love. Eric Rohmer near his best: elegant, clear-eyed, realistic. A film laced with magic. Stars Charlotte Véry. **Minema** (071-235 4225) **Renoir** (071-837 8402).

Good old music, but bad old jokes

Don Pasquale
Coliseum

DONIZETTI has been an infrequent visitor to the Coliseum recently. He is not, one suspects, a composer close to the hearts of the current ENO regime, and it is indeed seven years since a note of his was heard in St Martin's Lane. How nice, then, to encounter there, in a co-production with Opera North, *Don Pasquale*, a masterpiece of sentimental comedy, crammed with good tunes, faultlessly put together, and sending you out of the theatre with a spring in your step.

It is very well conducted by Andrew Greenwood and soundly sung. Greenwood and the orchestra work hard and successfully at a "big house" Donizetti sound: plenty of woodwind sparkle, brass under control (save for an outbreak of flatulence in the overture), nimble string playing. Greenwood also has a good feel for the shape of the melodies: they dance and swoon without ever sounding forced.

Rosemary Joshua's first Norina is a delight. Her bright, "pingy" soprano easily negotiates the notes, her coloratura is precise without seeming mechanical, and she has a plausible trill. She is young yet, and in time will doubtless bring more variety of tone-colour to her singing. But so far, so good.

Poor Adrian Martin started well as Ernesto but ran out of voice in the second part of his big aria, as have so many before him — it is a killer, an "Or sai chi l'onore" for tenors. This being an English audience, he was applauded with extra warmth, and he must be thanking his lucky stars he wasn't singing in Parma.

Alan Opie brought warmth and elegance to his Malatesta — where would British opera be without this hugely versatile artist? — and the title role was taken by that expert farceur Andrew Shore. He presented a roly-poly, balding teddy bear of a protagonist, an operatic Robertson Hare whom one forever expected to exclaim "Oh, calamity!".

Would that he had: it would have described the production to a tee and been a sight more interesting than anything else we heard. The opera was sung in an English version that admitted to being 38 years old and sounded older. It is pure translatorese ("You're a brazen little hussy") of a kind not heard at the Coliseum in living memory. Had the Power House been in charge of the production, it would never have been tolerated, but I suppose Donizetti isn't considered important enough.

Patrick Mason's production was first seen in Leeds three years ago. It is in modern dress (ritzy decor by Joe Vaněk). Pasquale is a property tycoon, Norina a café proprietress. "Concept" (to pitch it a bit high) and translation do not begin to fit — tycoons do not sing lines like "In you I put my trust, oh Cupid".

The level of humour is roughly that of 1950s television light entertainment, and the general principle seems to be that the music is boring and something must be done to distract attention from it — toupée gags, Vespa gags, tourist gags, wiggling bum gags. Per-leaze.

The thought that anybody under the age of 70 might stray into the theatre and think this is what opera is about today is too depressing.

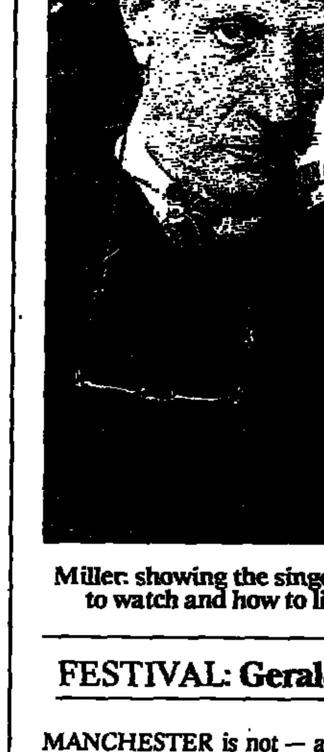
RODNEY MILNES

DONALD COOPER

Andrew Shore as Don Pasquale, Alan Opie as Malatesta

MUSIC: Jonathan Miller has produced a brilliantly effective staged version of Bach's great choral work

Passion unfolds in dramatic style



Miller: showing the singers how to watch and how to listen

St Matthew Passion
Holy Trinity Church, Sloane Street

IN COLD print the idea of staging the *St Matthew Passion* seems bizarre. Yet however contemplative the work may be in design, it breathes the very stuff of drama simply in the juxtaposition of narrated event with the musical comment of the arias and chorales. The placing of the alto solo "Erbarme dich" immediately after St Peter's betrayal of Christ creates a theatrical event as stark as anything in "legitimate" opera, and you can see the attraction of lending such moments overt dramatic form.

In his production at Holy Trinity Church, Sloane Street, Jonathan Miller did not so much stage the piece as devise a framework in which the narrative could unfold visually. The audience surrounded the performers on four sides. The double orchestra and chorus, clearly divided, occupied the centre ground, and the soloists, singing mostly from memory, mingled among them. All were young and all from the conductor Paul Goodwin downwards were almost aggressively informally dressed: jeans and check-shirts were the order of the day. At the opening there were moments of doubt: had we strayed by mistake into a production of Britten's *Paul Bunyan*? But they were only moments: the performance soon exerted an inexorable grip, and the fact that the capacity audience was held breathless for over three hours — long silences at the end of each part before anyone dared applaud — was proof of its success.

Gesture, of concern or compassion, was minimal, but members of the chorus rising severally from their chairs at moments of tension, or gazing at the crucifixion in the middle distance, spoke volumes. Simply showing them how to watch, how to listen, seems to have been the burden of Miller's direction. And the chorus is of course a protagonist, as alarming in its volatility as that of *Turandot*, moving straight from cruel mockery or cries of "crucify him" into meditative chorales without any break. Without warning the Evangelist enacted with sadistic relish the crowning of Christ with thorns before reverting to his detached role, and if you cannot rely on the Evangelist, whom can you rely on? In its manipulation of the audience's reactions, this was indeed the very stuff of drama.

Goodwin conducted his chorus and period orchestra with tremendous dramatic sweep and welcome lack of false piety. The roving soloists stood with their obbligato players, watching them, breathing with them — this was real music-making. Rufus Müller's mellifluous Evangelist, Richard Jackson's Christ (master of the penetrating gaze, and suggesting the panic and despair of Gethsemane with tactful understatement), Nancy Argenta's silvery soprano, Jamie MacDougall's vibrant, intense tenor and James Bowman's hyper-expressive alto — all were superb.

I suspect this masterly staging may, in its freshness and spontaneity, be unrepeatable, and pray I am wrong. It was in the broadest sense a genuine religious experience.

RODNEY MILNES

FESTIVAL: **Gerald Larner** on the highlights of Manchester's celebration of the music of Witold Lutoslawski

Portrait of a master

MANCHESTER is not — at least as far as classical music is concerned — a festival city. But it does have a good record in supporting risky one-off ventures, like the remarkably successful Tippett-Debussy enterprise a few years ago and the large-scale Expressionist festival. Last week's Lutoslawski Live experience involved the city's major musical institutions in no fewer than eight concerts in eight days.

While Manchester has the Hallé and BBC Philharmonic orchestras, the Lindsay Quartet at the University and the varied resources of the Royal Northern College of Music, it has nothing like the London Sinfonietta, whose presence was necessary — along with that of the 80-year-old composer himself, of course — to make it a fully authentic Lutoslawski festival. One of his most beautiful scores, *Chain I*, which is dedicated to the London Sinfonietta, very appropriately opened the programme given by that uniquely expert ensemble under the direction of Elgar Howarth in the RNCM early on in the week. Linking it in the first half with James McMillan's Sinfonietta, a work also written for the London Sinfonietta but by a British composer less than half Lutoslawski's age, proved to be a revealing exercise in getting things in perspective.

McMillan's Sinfonietta is an effective and passionate piece but alongside *Chain I*, which combines structural perfection and finely registered colouring with lyrical eloquence, it seemed neither subtle nor original. On the other hand, coming after the direct expression of McMillan's Sinfonietta, ably conducted by the composer, Lutoslawski's Preludes and Fugues for strings seemed unnecessarily convoluted in structure and texture and only intermittently eventful.

If Preludes and Fugues is not the most accessible of Lutoslawski's scores, the Piano Concerto certainly is. At the centre of a Hallé concert conducted by Witold Lutoslawski himself and broadcast live from the Free Trade Hall on BBC Radio 3, it must have convinced any remaining sceptics that they were in the presence of a rare genius. *Chain III* had again displayed his structural virtuosity in the way that ideas fly off in all directions and then, somehow, coalesce into a shape which is not only elegant but also dramatically articulated. Paul Crossley's precise and yet spontaneous performance of the Piano Concerto demonstrated that Lutoslawski can also invite comparison with Chopin, Rachmaninov, Gershwin even, and integrate those traditional allusions in a form and a style which remain unmistakably his own.

For the Hallé Orchestra it must have been a particularly valuable experience to perform the Third Symphony under the composer's direction. They have done it before but it is a work which, as perhaps the most substantial of its kind written during the past ten years, it will certainly do more and more often in the future. Judging by the way they took to it on this occasion, it might even be at their own request.

ENTERTAINMENTS

CINEMAS

CURZON WEST END Shaftesbury Ave W1 071 439 4805 Jeremy Irons, Juliette Binoche in DAMAGE (18) A film by Louis Malle. Progs at 12.45, 3.20, 6.00 & 8.35

CURZON MAYFAIR Curzon St. 071 465 8865 Gerard Depardieu in TOUS LES MATINS DU MONDE (12) Progs at 1.10 (not Sun) 3.30, 6.00 & 8.25

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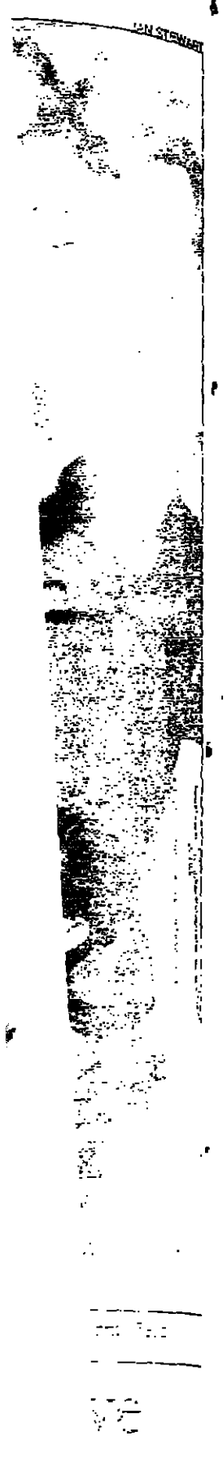


The bucks and shows stop here

Shakespeare and Goldoni in the regions: **Benedict Nightingale** on the crisis which threatens large-scale classical touring

Late last year the serious theatregoer in the major cities outside London could look forward to 1993 with confident expectation. Was not Tim Pigott-Smith's Compass company likely to bring them Wycherley's *Country Wife* and Goldoni's *Servant of Two Masters*? Had not Michael Pennington's English Shakespeare Company been talking of touring work by and about Chekhov? And what of Kenneth Branagh's Renaissance Theatre? Surely that enterprising outfit could be relied on to truck in a *Macbeth* or a *Julius Caesar*.

But suddenly the picture looks strangely empty. Compass has collapsed, having concluded that the conditions the Arts Council were imposing on it were difficult to fulfil without risking bankruptcy. The ESC is in dispute with the same organisation, with Pennington himself "doubtful if we can continue at all." And Renaissance is "on ice", having suspended its theatrical activities until 1994, when it may or may not be able to afford a shorter-than-usual tour of the country.

Yet these are the only companies of their kind. The National and the Royal Shakespeare Company send the odd production into the regions, and the better commercial managers do their bit. But from where will the Sheffield Lyceum, the Bradford Alhambra, the Newcastle Royal, and the other big barns get classical work if not from Compass, the ESC and Renaissance? Clearly, there is a crisis in "large-scale touring", the feeding of playhouses seating 800 people or more. And this comes at a time when the smaller companies, those sending work out to Reading and Warwick, Oxford and Cambridge, have worries of their own.

Touring is a testing business. For instance, decor designed for one place may not quite fit another. So heavy is the set for Alan Bleasdale's *On The Ledge*, currently en route to the National, that it reportedly holed Nottingham Playhouse's stage last week. Again, many actors have trouble surviving on low subsistence allowances — even the prestigious Cheek by Jowl pays just £90 a week — and more trouble surviving long absences from home. One of the ESC's stage managers astonished an audience by walking onstage wearing nothing but boxer shorts covered with pictures of pink copulating rabbits. It was the first symptom of a nervous breakdown.

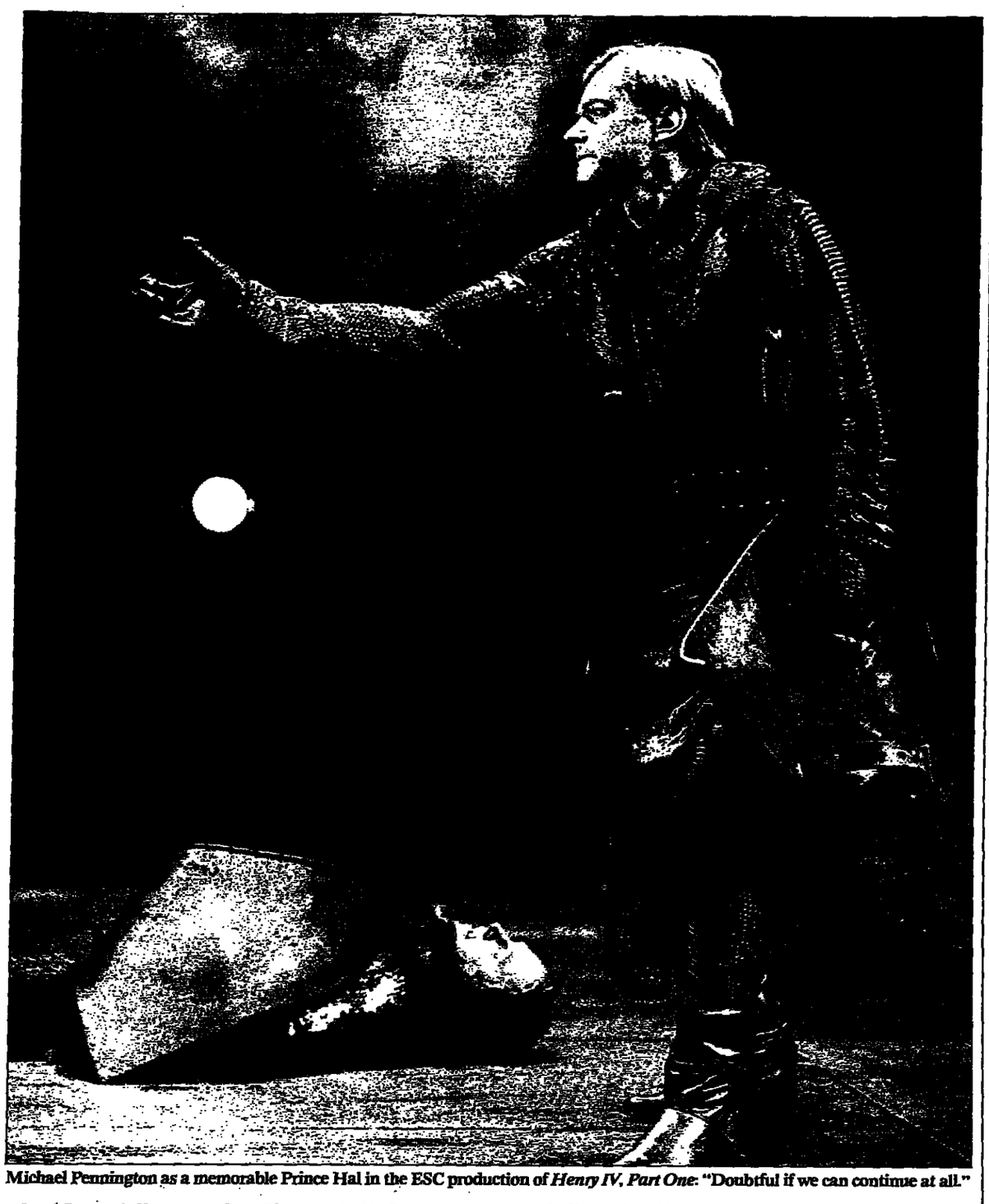
Yet the growth of touring has been one of the great successes of recent years. Gone are the days when a city had to rely on its own rep, if it had one, and worn-out West End productions with B casts, if it had a theatre big enough to house them. Co-productions between rep and rep, town and town, have increased, and Tara Arts, Oily Cart, Shared Experience, Théâtre de Complicité and dozens of other tribes roam the land. Since 1986 the number of touring companies supported by the Arts Council has risen by 50 per cent and the money allocated to them by 25 per cent in real terms.

Meanwhile, Compass has given us Jane Lapotaire in *St Joan*, the ESC staged Shakespeare's history plays, and Renaissance done *Lear*, *Twelfth Night* and *Midsummer Night's Dream*. Moreover, the National has shown a new determination to prove it is not just a building on the South Bank, and the RSC that it is not confined to Stratford and London.

> 'Companies are worried and so are the houses they visit'

This at least continues. The RSC has been touring its large-scale *Comedy of Errors* and its small-scale *Richard III*. The National has just sent *Madness of George III* and *An Inspector Calls* round Britain. And the quality of many commercial tours has greatly improved, thanks to Bill Kenwright, Duncan Weldon and other impresarios. Tom Conti in Coward's *Present Laughter*, Peter Bowles in Rattigan's *Separate Tables*, Lisa Goddard in Stoppard's *Real Thing* are among the offerings promised for the spring. Some upmarket touring productions — Bowles in *Otherwise Engaged*, Penelope Keith in *On Approval*, Edward Fox in *My Fair Lady* — have only been seen out of that costly city, London.

Not that touring is cheap. The Oxford Theatre Company, with the Cambridge Theatre Company the most important of the middle-scale ensembles, prices a 16-week tour of Shakespeare at about £220,000 and, like others, is finding some recession-hit theatres not only less keen to take risky-sounding work but tighter when it comes to negotiating the guarantees against loss that usually substitute for fees. Renaissance expects to have spent £150,000 by the time a classic production is ready to be seen, and finds trucking about sets and a cast of 25 so expensive that the £35,000 or £40,000 a week it normally gets as a guarantee against loss is hardly enough to sustain its running costs.



Michael Pennington as a memorable Prince Hal in the ESC production of *Henry IV, Part One*: "Doubtful if we can continue at all."

One failure, or half-success, and it is in trouble. Indeed, its recent revivals of Chekhov's *Uncle Vanya* and John Sessions's *Travelling Tales*, though critically well received, ended with the main actors donating to Renaissance their salaries. Now the company is waiting out the recession and hoping that next year it can afford a six-week tour of some unspecified classic, possibly with Branagh in the lead.

Renaissance has never asked for Arts Council support, regarding it as "more trouble than it's worth", and has had little truck with sponsorship. The experience of the other two large-scale touring companies suggests that this is not just a bloodymindedness. Everybody is finding it harder to attract sponsors, especially for quirky, unusual work. And both Compass and the ESC blame the Arts Council for their woes.

The quarrel with Compass was complex, but basically a technical one about how its administrative costs were to be assessed. The company asked the council's touring department to guarantee it against loss to the tune of £130,000 this coming year, was provisionally allocated £70,000, but found the conditions attached so restrictive it could not take up the offer.

The quarrel with Pennington's people is simpler but even fiercer. The English Shakespeare Company has made several management changes: the Arts Council's touring department does not think they go far enough. The touring department was lukewarm about the company's Chekhov plans and, when it proposed to stage Goethe's *Faust* instead, demanded to know the name of the "star": the ESC accuses it of interfering with casting and artistic policy.

The result is that the ESC's grant goes down from £600,000 to £250,000 for the 1993-94 season and Pennington and his co-director, Michael Bogdanov, are talking of broken promises, U-turns and the likelihood of their company folding. Nor are they alone in their criticisms. While the council's drama department, which is responsible for small and middle scale touring, gets good marks from most people, the touring department stands accused of taking far less interest in drama than in opera and dance. The influential Stephen Barry, who runs the Sheffield Lyceum, roundly declares that it has no clear policy, no long-term plan, no firm leadership — "they should be talking about 1994, 1995 and 1996, and they aren't."

Who would be in the touring trade? The companies are worried, and so are the playhouses they visit. With commercial managements demanding guarantees against loss of £50,000 a week, Sheffield City Council halving its support from £200,000 to £100,000 a year, Barry would be concerned about the future of his theatre even without the disappearance of as prestigious a company as Compass.

Yet he is fighting back. The Sheffield Lyceum and eight other large-scale theatres, from Norwich to Plymouth, Cardiff to Newcastle, are forming a production company of their own and looking for a director of stature to run it. The National Touring Company, as it is already called, could get going by spring next year, perhaps with a revival of Tennessee Williams's *Streetcar Named Desire*. Whatever its present woes, large-scale touring surely has a future.

DANCE REVIEW

Moved by their moves

SMALL AXE's show, distinctive and short (60 minutes, no interval), belongs to a rare species: it attempts a fresh approach and a radical, original language. It marks a promising beginning for a new group, made up of four individuals who have at one time or other been members of Rambert Dance Company.

From New Malden to Upminster, presented in The Place's "Spring Loaded" series, takes a seamless train journey as its framework, with a departure, an arrival and "the bit in the middle". During its duration it manages to pull in ideas of life as a journey, dance as freedom and world cultures as interconnected: so that by the end we have certainly travelled much farther than Upminster. If all that looks muddled in black and white print, it also seemed muddled — not to say half-baked — in performance. But who would want to carp, when the emphasis of the evening was on the sensuous pleasure of movement and any themes were secondary.

Who *could* carp before such high calibre dancers performing such striking and unusual choreography. Here at the start is Ben Craft, co-choreographer with Gary Lambert, standing in razor-sharp motionless profile, while Cathrine Price and Christopher Carney in evenly-paced unison execute a highly meticulous and deliberate duet. Lambert — he of the white man's dreadlocks — makes brief, explosive interjections; his headstands and turning jumps, legs flashing like scissors, seem both breakdance and ballet, a fusion he develops in a later solo. And then Craft after an eternity finally stirs for a plodding, leaning walk; he is saving himself for a wonderful tour de force with Lambert in which their hands dominate, jerking, twisting, almost flying off.

Monika Rebcova, who is Czech, appeared as part of Spring Loaded 's foreign contingent. Unlike other former Eastern Bloc countries, the Czech and Slovak republics have a strong tradition of modern dance. That perhaps explains why her style avoids the painfully dated air and Béjart influences that might characterise equivalent Russian choreography.

She has a theatrical bent, exploiting dramatic lighting and assertive design. Her choreography, interpreted by herself and the seven other dancers of her company, tends heavily towards naturalistic movement. The exception, *In The Morning*, for three women, copied the procedures of African dance; it may have had more point as a curiosity to an East European audience with no colonial past. *Not Yet*, inspired by a novel by William Styron, began vividly with spotlit groupings in a desolate, inky space. Thereafter, however, it dwindled into various couples whose significance escaped me; as did the closing piece, *The Garden*, featuring two contrasted men, two identical women and a table in a great deal of exhaustingly portentous activity.

NADINE MEISNER

THEATRE REVIEWS: Arthur Miller directed by Janet Suzman and a neglected Frenchman revived

Mind at war with itself

The terrible family secret in *All My Sons* was a murderous action committed to keep a business going, and it is Willy Loman's crimes in **Death of a Salesman**, destroying only his immediate family, that nudge more sharply at common experience. Loman, here played by Timothy West, the salesman riding on a smile and a shoeshine, has simply wanted people to like him. Many of us, I guess, can remember a time in our past when we were desperate to be liked.

Loman's crime against himself is his refusal to learn that aiming to be liked is no way to underpin a life. Other sorts of behaviour come first, and being liked may follow. His crime against his sons is to pump them full of this same philosophy. Biff, the older boy, goes to pieces after finding his father in a hotel room with a woman, shaken into seeing him as a fake. The younger son, Happy, becomes a discontented philanderer, his nickname an example of his father's delusion that fixing an optimistic name on something will make it turn out all right.

Where *All My Sons* has a tight Ibsenite structure, *Salesman* follows a more circuitous route. It is a memory play, bringing Loman's recollection of happier days onto the stage, interrupting today's conversation, past and present linked by key words or echoed feelings. The sense of a mind at war with itself is thrillingly

Biff (Geordie Johnson), Willy Loman (Timothy West)

conveyed by Arthur Miller's writing and exhilaratingly realised in the direction of Janet Suzman at Theatr Clwyd, Mold — her first production of a major work in this country, moving smoothly between tight groups in the present-day rooms and the open reaches of the inner world.

Johan Engels has designed a set bare of everything but the essential furniture, enclosed by the facades of colossal apartment blocks that part to reveal a rose-red panorama of Manhattan, city of impossible dreams. In the shabby home overshadowed by these giants West's Loman, a low ordinary man indeed, sits hunched within a brown suit that looks a size too large for him. He is an actor with a naturally large build, which in other roles he uses to command the stage by striding it. Here he moves as though his limbs no longer believe in themselves.

Miller wants us to respect Loman because he is a human being but this is not easy. Too much deception sloshes around in the Loman household. West's voice finds a poignant rapture when he talks with the dead, successful brother (Christopher Thomas) who once offered him a better life. But respect, simply for being human, even though in pain, is a lot to want from us.

West heads an accomplished cast though Sheila Allen looks too intelligent to have indulged her husband's follies, even in 1949. Several of the company come from across the Atlantic, including Adam Henderson (Happy) and Geordie Johnson, strong and anguished as Biff. Suzman, slightly altering the end, leaves the latter alone on the darkened stage, standing by the grave in a slanting light. We can take it as his last look at the past before starting afresh. Miller has said he probably became a hippy.

JEREMY KINGSTON

Dusting off an old French curio

EUGENE Labiche was the 19th-century French farceur who was not quite Feydeau. His *Italian Straw Hat* and his *Journey of Monsieur Perrichon* are occasionally performed here, but we never seem to see any of the other plays from his prolific pen. Even the Actors Touring Company's uneven revival of **The Coaldust Affair**, a somewhat underwritten piece, suggests that this a shame. If this really is a British premiere, there is clearly much more for us to discover.

The play has an unsentimental punch impossible to imagine in the coy contemporary English theatre of 1857. A well-to-do citizen, Lenglume, stumbles from his bed with a horrible hangover, only to hear a ghastly snoring beneath the blanket he has just left. Gradually it emerges that he went on a binge with an alcoholic ex-schoolchum, Mistingue, and somehow brought him home. As if that weren't embarrassment enough, his long-suffering wife mistakes an old newspaper for that morning's edition, and describes a murder in the street outside. All the circumstantial evidence points to the two men as the culprits, and, since they can remember nothing, they think themselves guillotine-bound.

There are plenty of opportunities for farce and more than farce in Robert David MacDonald's translation, not all of which Jane Collins's production, energetic though it is, manages to grab. The main source of humour ought to be the desperation of the wealthy snob Lenglume; but, while John Ramm gives us plenty of his panic, he omits the tormented respectability and embattled bourgeois complacency.

Labiche is at fault, too. While the scenes between Ramm and Simon Dutton's frowsy Mistingue seem complete enough, those involving the other characters are a bit skimpy. Joan Moon's Madame Lenglume needs more chance to show her formidable surprise and dismay. A sequence in which Lenglume runs amok, attempting to strangle and gas people he suspects of knowing too much about his "crime", is over before it has properly begun.

Yet the production (seen at the Old Bull Arts Centre, Barnet) is brisk and frisky enough to be worth catching in Stratford-upon-Avon, Basingstoke, Bury St Edmunds and the other places it will be visiting in the next month or so. And a revival that leaves us eager to see more Labiche — as this did me — can hardly be bad.

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No	Company	Group	Gain or loss
1	Devenish (JA)	Breweries	
2	Steel Burrill	Insurance	
3	Johnstone Press	Newspapr.Pub	
4	Salvesen (C)	Business Serv	
5	Medeva	Industrial	
6	Lister	Textiles	
7	North West	Water	
8	Barran Devs	Building.Rds	
9	Chamberlin Hill	Industrial	
10	Dalgety	Foods	
11	Bnt Data Mgt	Business Serv	
12	Clifford Fd 'A'	Foods	
13	Central Mtr	Motors.Air	
14	Bentalls	Drapery.Stns	
15	Gr Portland	Property	
16	BAT	Tobaccos	
17	Microvitec	Electrical	
18	Rank Org	Industrial	
19	Caer Allen	Banks.Disc	
20	Star-Plus	Paper,Print	
21	Br Borneo	Oils, Gas	
22	Grazeby	Electrical	
23	Hepworth	Industrial	
24	Lorraine	Mining	
25	Manders	Building.Rds	
26	Frogmore	Property	
27	EMAP	Newspapr.Pub	
28	Sears	Drapery.Stns	
29	Nichols (JN)	Foods	
30	Alvis	Industrial	
31	FKI	Electrical	
32	Scot TV	Leisure	
33	Spandex	Industrial	
34	Alexon	Drapery.Stns	
35	Intercare Gp	Industrial	
36	Acatos & Hutch	Foods	
37	Yorkshire Elec	Electricity	
38	HA Land	Property	
39	Claremont Gs	Textiles	
40	First Nat Fin	Banks.Dsc	

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Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E

BANKS, DISCOUNT, HP

4,942.50	Abbey Ntl	377	-21	10.5	2.7	13.0
1,277.70	Allied Irish	195	-3	...	5.8	11.8
1,957.40	Ass New Z	160	+7	...	5.6	...
11,930.30	Bankamerica	3462½	-250	...	...	...
	706.60 Bk of Ireland	198	+1	...	0.0	31.7
	25.40 Bk Leumi UK	225	...	16.0	7.5	...
1,601.30	Bank Scotland	139	+10	4.3	4.2	21.9
7	11,620 Barclays	442	+7	21.1	6.4	...
	4.53 Benchmark	3	...	...	...	...
	6.23 Brown, Shipley	39	+5	...	...	...
	5.33 Carlisle	17½	-½	...	...	...
	105.60 Caer Allen	440	+4	26.0	7.9	...
	114.60 Cattles	104	...	3.8	4.9	15.2
3,131.10	Chase Manh	3027½	-131½	...	...	...
6,237.20	Citicorp	1706½	-106½	...	...	...
	119.30 Close Bros	310	+19	9.5	4.1	13.8
3,596.60	Commerzbk	2114½	...	...	3.4	...
13,731.70	Deutsche Bk	1289	+300	...	2.2	...
	138.80 First Nat Fin	79 †	+5	...	...	...
29,543.00	Fgn Bank T	1021	-28	...	0.5	58.0
	161.90 Gerrard Nat	614	...	31.0	6.8	...
4,741.00	HSBC	581	-9	...	3.4	23.9
9,554.20	HSBC HK	565	-8	...	3.5	23.7
	526.80 Hambros	304	+15	13.8	6.1	13.5
	19.50 Joseph (L)	353	...	15.6	9.0	...
	18.60 King Shaxson	118	...	5.0	5.6	...
	496.70 Kleinwort Ben	380	-22	16.0	5.8	...
6,489.70	Lloyds	511 †	-10½	...	4.8	7.1
	45.80 Lon Scn Bk	77	...	3.0	5.2	15.3
4,564.30	Nat Aust Bk	368	-13	...	5.5	12.8
7,333.60	Nat West	445	-7	17.5	5.2	61.5
	411.00 Provident	774	-1	25.0	4.3	17.7
	17.60 Rea Bros	45	...	0.5	1.5	...
1,066.60	Rl Bk Scot	229	+1	8.8	4.0	...
	790.70 Schroders	1575	-72	18.0	1.5	18.3
1,526.30	Stand Chart	644	-9	30.0	4.1	16.8
2,549.40	TSB	169½	+2	6.4	5.1	...
	20.70 Union Disc	330	+10	13.5	...	...
1,312.10	Warburg SG	626	-8	18.0	3.8	18.5
	90.60 -do- 6% 'A'	213	+5½	...	3.5	...
3,389.70	Wells Fargo	6250	-125	...	1.7	...
2,682.40	Westpac	153	...	...	5.3	...
	17.00 Winstar	200	...	9.3	6.3	7.6

BREWERIES

5,356.50	Allied-Lyons	608	+25	20.0	4.4	14.1
5,224.60	Bass	601	+26	18.9	4.2	13.1
	232.10 Boddington	202	+1	6.6	4.4	12.8
	197.40 Bulmer (HP)	276	+3	12.0	4.2	17.3
	32.20 Burnwood Bew	155	+5	4.4	3.8	11.3
	151.20 Devenish (JA)	281	+5	7.8	3.7	...
	17.10 Eldridge P 'A's	88	-3	...	4.9	25.3
2,075.40	Fowlers Brewing	544	+5	...	2.3	...
	99.70 Folir Sm 'A's	345	-5	...	2.6	14.5
9,320.20	Grand Met	452	+12	12.3	3.6	14.9
	706.10 Greenalls Grp	407	-1	11.7	3.9	13.5
	722.90 Greene King	527	...	11.9	2.9	13.7
9,079.40	Guinness	498½	-9	17.5	3.5	12.4
	68.90 Hardy Hansn	275	...	7.9	3.8	15.3
	3.85 Heavitree	113 †	+2½	3.0	3.6	...
	3.96 -do- 'A' Tvg	78 †	+2½	...	5.2	10.9
333.90	Highland Dist	267	-2	9.0	3.0	17.8
	2.30 Hoskins Brew	40	...	...	...	25.8
	147.90 Invrgordn Dist	273	+2	6.5	3.2	15.4
	200.00 Macallan-Glen	172	-1	0.7	0.6	34.7
	99.30 Macgin Mann 'A'	438	-17	8.8	2.7	13.7
	197.40 Mansfield	281	...	13.6	6.4	14.9
	215.60 Mrson Thmp	258	+6	4.9	2.8	13.9
	42.00 Matthew Clark	429	...	15.7	4.9	12.9
	33.90 Mrtyshaw W	286	-18	...	3.0	20.2
	101.80 Morland	480	-5	3.4	2.3	19.1
	4.75 Paramount 'A'	8½	...	...	2.1	15.1
4,804.10	SA Breweries	603	-40	...	3.0	...
1,618.60	Scot & Nwc	453	-3	16.1	5.0	11.8
	207.70 Taunton Cider	190	-1	...	3.3	17.7
	299.50 Vaux Group	217	+2	9.3	5.7	15.0
2,061.10	Whitbread 'A'	457	-25	18.9	4.9	12.9
	179.00 -do- 'B'	1073	...	16.9	2.1	30.2
787.10	Wolverhmptn D	564	-7	11.6	3.6	16.4
	14.90 Young 'A'	510	...	14.5	3.8	22.3

BUILDING, ROADS

	39.00 Abbey	43	-2	...	1.5	33.5
	18.60 Albrighton A	21	...	...	...	...
	23.50 Alfeta	60	...	...	6.3	10.8
179.70	Amec	99	-1	10.2	...	8.2
	2.97 Anglia Scr	9	+1	...	...	...
	36.90 Ashtead	173	-2	4.1	2.3	23.2
240.70	Ashwoods	138	+5	5.0	4.0	19.5
1,160.30	BPB Ind	524	+15	11.2	...	39.5
	97.10 Baggeridge Brk	11	...	3.1	5.4	25.9
	3.24 Bailey (Benj Can	31	...	0.5	2.4	...
	17.30 Barcrom	93	-2	1.2	1.8	16.8
257.30	Barratt Devs	126	+4	2.0	2.1	14.0
1,910.00	Bellway	382 †	+7½	11.5	4.0	23.1
	5.93 Bellwinch	30	+1	...	...	...
217.00	Berkeley Gp	264	...	5.0	1.9	23.6
	9.75 Bett Bros	45	...	...	...	1.8
	10.30 Blackfrs	43	+4	3.3	...	30.8
1,252.50	Blue Circle	226	+7	11.2	4.4	23.4
	67.10 Boot (Henry)	258	+13	...	2.8	14.1
	26.70 Breedon PLC	94	+3	4.6	6.5	19.2
	16.70 Br Dredging	68	+3	2.4	10.4	12.3
	13.50 Brk Fixings	65	...	5.5	...	...
229.10	Bryant	128	-1	4.8	5.1	27.0
	21.10 CALA	60	...	2.5	5.1	...
1,139.80	CRH	217	-3	...	4.1	12.1
	2.25 Calebrad Rts	38	...	...	...	...
	60.90 Cavzin	77	...	4.1	...	...
	73.20 Countryside	172 †	+6½	4.1	4.5	32.2
	59.50 Cyril Nicholson	62	-1	0.0	...	...
	9.56 Cussins	48	+1	...	...	...
	1.43 Dunton A	3	...	...	...	...
	12.90 Edmond Hkgs	34½	...	1.8	...	10.0
	15.50 Epwin	180	+1	...	4.9	14.8
	15.10 Erith	32	...	2.0	...	...
	58.50 Eve Group	200	+5	...	4.3	10.9
155.80	Evered Barton	43	-3	5.9	...	23.2
	6.85 Exploture	4½	...	...	...	...
	7.00 Freeman Gps	102	...	...	...	...
	40.80 Galliford	46	-1	4.3	12.5	19.5
	1.30 Gibbs & Dandy	25	...	...	...	...
	70.60 Gleeson (M)	105	+5	12.7	7.4	10.5
	172.20 Hewden-Stuart	64	-2	3.1	4.5	14.6
	3.11 Hewetson	36	...	2.0	...	35.3
	1.94 Hey & Croffie	16 #	...	...	...	...
	147.60 Higgs & Hill	203	-1	12.5	8.2	19.7
	26.00 Higgs & Hill	39	-3	9.0	...	11.1
	13.20 Hogg Grp	40	...	2.3	...	25.8
	4.57 Howard Hldgs	18	-1	0.5	3.7	...
	132.70 Ibstock Johnsen	53	+1	6.0	...	...
	4.48 Jarvis	18	+1	0.5	...	...
	91.30 Lang (J)	198	-10½	9.0	6.0	10.3
	16.30 Liller	27	...	2.0	...	2.4
	9.71 Lc Clydesdale A	14	-3	4.5	8.1	27.9
	12.50 Lovell (Y)	15	...	...	...	6.3
	108.40 Manders	293	+4	7.0	3.2	20.4
	310.50 Marley	110	+1	4.2	5.1	27.7
	34.60 Marshalls	70	-1	...	9.8	23.4
	3.00 Maunders (J)	130	...	4.0	5.1	11.9
	79.70 McAlpine (A)	141	-3	10.3	...	9.8

BUSINESS SERVICES

614.40	ADT	520	-23	...	...	...
	9.76 Adams & Harvey	228	...	11.0	6.4	3.6
2,482.50	ICI	1118	-42	50.0	6.6	27.0
1,314.50	Laporte	685	+16	18.9	3.7	18.4
	137.30 Leigh	209	-4	7.5	5.0	17.1
	13.60 MTM	15	...	1.6	...	3.0
3,389.00	Norsk Hydro	1650	-25	...	...	2.0
	100.00 Peterson Znch	410	+1	11.4	2.7	17.7
	85.80 -do- 'A'	373	...	11.4	4.1	16.1
	125.60 Piysu	265	-4	6.0	3.0	17.9
	31.40 Porvair	205	...	...	2.1	21.3
	20.70 Sutcliffe Speak	12	-½	...	...	...
	107.40 Wardle Storeys	435	-15	16.0	4.9	17.5
	31.40 Wiseman R	443	+3	16.3	4.9	19.5
	152.00 Yorks Chem	401	+12	...	2.4	20.9
	250.50 Yule Catto	395	+11	5.4	2.4	17.9

CHEMICALS, PLASTICS

	646.40 Allied Colloids	547	+1	3.9	2.1	19.6
	376.50 Amersham	724	+36	12.5	2.5	26.8
	21.50 Angln Utd	69½	+1	0.8	...	...
5,567.00	BASF DM	9730	+100	...	8.1	...
241.50	BTP	258	+2	8.8	4.6	18.9
7,780.20	Bayer DM50	£118	...	...	4.8	14.3
	64.20 Biagden	138	+5	9.5	9.2	9.9
	98.60 Brent Chems	146	-1	7.3	6.7	69.0
	180.30 Br Bio-Tech	505	-7	...	...	...
	11.30 Cabot Cp	23	-1	0.5	15.0	5.8
	42.60 Canning (W)	151	+1	7.2	6.4	12.1
2,281.20	Courtaulds	569	-7	13.0	3.0	15.5
	333.00 Croda	255	+1	7.5	3.9	19.4
	156.20 Ellis & Everard	190	-1	7.0	4.9	17.3
	4.64 Euro Colour	15½	-1	0.6	5.6	...
	100.30 Evode	138	+3	3.5	3.3	...
	83.20 Halstead (J)	280	-1	...	2.9	15.0
	384.30 Hickson	232	...	7.6	4.7	14.1
6,770.60	Hoechst	2114½	+137½	...	6.9	...
2,482.50	ICI	1118	-42	50.0	6.6	27.0
1,314.50	Laporte	685	+16	18.9	3.7	18.4
	137.30 Leigh	209	-4	7.5	5.0	17.1
	13.60 MTM	15	...	1.6	...	3.0
3,389.00	Norsk Hydro	1650	-25	...	...	2.0
	100.00 Peterson Znch	410	+1	11.4	2.7	17.7
	85.80 -do- 'A'	373	...	11.4	4.1	16.1
	125.60 Piysu	265	-4	6.0	3.0	17.9
	31.40 Porvair	205	...	...	2.1	21.3
	20.70 Sutcliffe Speak	12	-½	...	...	...
	107.40 Wardle Storeys	435	-15	16.0	4.9	17.5
	31.40 Wiseman R	443	+3	16.3	4.9	19.5
	152.00 Yorks Chem	401	+12	...	2.4	20.9
	250.50 Yule Catto	395	+11	5.4	2.4	17.9

DRAPERY, STORES

	24.90 Alexon	86	+4	...	4.7	4.7
	53.50 Amber Day	46	+1	3.1	9.0	12.6
	818.10 Argos Plc	376	+9	8.4	3.1	19.2
	178.40 Ashley (Laura)	76	-2	0.1	0.2	79.5
	253.80 Aspreys	293	-5	...	2.2	23.8
	5.12 Austin Reed	195	...	...	...	56.8
	66.20 Beattie (J) 'A'	143	...	5.7	5.4	13.7
	46.90 Bentalls	112	+5	3.8	4.6	63.2
	247.40 Benetwear	343	...	...	0.7	23.5
	8.27 Blacks Leis	26	-1	1.3	...	5.4
	259.60 Body Shop	144	-1	1.6	1.5	16.6
	64.10 Brown & Jackson	14	-½	...	...	...
	280.60 Brown (N)	357	+1	6.0	2.2	22.1
	1,076.20 Burton	77	+7	...	2.5	...
	23.80 Cantors	143	...	...	2.5	19.0
	22.90 Chaves	105	...	12.5	5.5	25.1
	17.40 Clinton Cards	128	+3	3.7	3.9	...
1,309.80	Coats Viyella	227	+5	7.0	4.1	26.0
	20.30 Colourvision	100	+5	...	...	16.9
	101.00 Courts Furnish	414	+10	8.0	1.6	20.8
	2.08 Crown Eyes	130	+10	...	6.2	8.0
1,734.50	Dalry Farm 100	805	+8	...	...	17.0
	69.30 Dewhirst (JJ)	56	...	0.7	1.7	18.6
	898.00 Dixons Grp	226	+8	6.0	3.5	20.6
	641.00 Dunhill	377	+1	7.7	2.7	13.1
	10.90 ERA Gp	19	...	...	...	7.2
	5.82 Elyr (Wimbldn)	485	...	16.0	4.4	10.8
	12.70 Essex Furn	111	+3	...	3.3	22.2
	139.10 Etam	213	+1	...	4.6	21.1
	430.90 Fine Art Dev	542	+26	11.0	2.7	20.8
	2.39 Fired Earth Tiles	42	...	...	4.0	30.7
	15.30 Forminster	408	...	12.5	3.4	10.4
	5.85 French Conns	35	...	...	...	...
	3.28 Goldsbrgh	18	...	...	9.5	6.6
	18.00 Gent SR	90	...	2.0	3.3	14.7
	9.55 Goldsmiths Gp	39	...	1.5	...	...
	138.80 GUS	2560 †	+51	40.0	2.1	20.3
1,942.20	Hmpdn 'A'	1960 †	+55	40.0	3.4	12.7
	4.31 Hampdn Grp A	36	...	...	2.7	14.1
	273.10 Harmsworth	267	-27	6.8	2.4	16.3
	23.10 Helene Plc	24	...	2.0	11.2	10.5
	1.50 Hemingway	34	...	...	...	...
	4.47 Hemmicks	55	-20	...	2.4	...
	8.03 Hse of Lerose	141	...	10.3	9.7	21.4
	6.18 Jacques Vert	65	+1	2.0	...	...
2,624.20	Kingfisher	576	+49	13.7	3.3	17.3
	24.60 Ladbk Wke Gp	71	-1	4.0	7.8	...
	112.90 Liberty	680	...	...	1.5	29.8
	326.60 Lloyds Chem	277	+5	5.5	2.6	10.9
	720.60 MFI	126	+1	...	7.2	1.6
9,220.10	Marks Spencer	337	+9	17.1	2.8	20.5
	297.30 Mrshlsea (John)	1080	+5	...	3.0	10.7
	22.50 Moss Bros	135	-2	5.0	4.9	26.0
	545.30 Next	147½	+6	0.7	0.7	29.1
	4.80 Oliver (G)	19	+1	...	1.0	...
1,240.30	Owen Owen	328	+5	...	...	16.2
	73.40 Peoples	51	-1	2.7	7.2	6.0
	105.30 Qs Hldgs	268	+2	4.7	2.4	20.8
	46.90 Rumers Group	16	...	...	2.4	30.8
	15.30 Rhino Grps	30½	...	...	...	...
	159.90 Sherwood Gp	154	...	...	2.0	14.8
1,540.30	Storehouse	1025	-3	24.0	2.3	26.2
1,153.30	Smith WH 'A'	429 †	+6½	13.4	4.2	14.9
	1.32 Spectaleyes A	8½	-½	...	...	...
	779.80 Storehouse	198	+7	9.0	3.5	...
	113.10 T & S Stores	177	-3	5.5	4.1	11.5
	50.40 Tie Rack	98	-5	3.0	3.1	...
	98.90 Time Products	188	-1	7.5	5.3	18.4
	5.50 Ushr (Frank)	80	+2	...	8.3	7.8
	16.50 Viyat	30	+2	...	...	...
	2.73 Wensums	7½	...	...	...	...
291.20	Wickes	96	...	...	...	...
	4.72 Wld of Leathers	58	...	...	...	68.2
	30.00 Weyvales	160	...	...	3.0	18.1
	4.24 Xtra-vision	2½	...	...	...	2.7

ELECTRICALS

	19.80 Alt Elec	65	...	...	...	...
288.20	ACT Group	169	-2	4.5	3.6	16.6
	33.70 Acuta	233	...	...	3.3	19.5
	70.30 Amstrad Compn	115	-6	...	...	...
	50.40 Admiral	460	+27	4.8	1.4	21.1
	55.10 Alba	110	...	4.7	5.4	15.5
	8.36 Alphameric	32½	+6	...	...	...
142.40	Amstrad	245	+2	0.4	2.2	...
	25.70 App Fldcs	124	-4	...	...	...
	20.40 Arlec	74	-2	1.0	1.8	...
138.50	Asec	45	+1	...	...	...
	26.10 Beales Homer	266	...	...	9.2	46.0
	6.10 Bennett & Founi	5½	...	...	...	...
1,141.70	BICC	341	-2	19.2	7.5	19.9
131.40	Blick	530	-15	9.2	2.3	20.4
428.00	Borland's	1500	-200	...	...	...
470.10	Bowthorpe	292	-17	6.0	2.8	20.9
24,762.90	BT	409½	-8½	14.4	4.8	14.9
6,292.10	BT New	294½	-9½	14.4	4.8	14.9
	2.10 Cable (AP) 'A'	8½	-½	0.1	1.6	...
	43.20 Burnfield	128	-1	...	6.1	18.1
5,010.80	Cable Wireless	730	+30	13.2	2.4	22.8
	29.50 Chloride	142	...	...	...	...
	42.90 CMI. Micro.	245	-1	...	2.4	16.5
	11.90 Comptr People	86	+1	5.4	...	11.1
	9.13 Cranbrook	11½	-½	...	...	...
287.30	Cty Elect	140	-5	...	0.5	17.4
644.00	Delta	436	-12	14.0	4.3	17.2
	12.90 Denmans Elc	297	-1	...	2.7	...
159.20	Domino	583 †	+6	7.2	1.6	...
	82.50 Dowding Mills	57	-3	2.5	5.8	18.7
	61.80 Druck A	662	-8	...	1.3	23.5
794.60	Electrocomponts	380	+5	12.0	3.5	20.6
	96.50 El Data Prc	535	+30	8.1	1.5	14.6
	17.30 Electron House	67	-1	2.3	4.7	20.4
	19.60 Emess	185	-1	1.0	...	...
237.70	Eurotherm	359	-2	8.0	2.0	...
558.40	FKI	220	+5	6.7	4.1	24.3
475.90	Farnell Elec	357	+2	5.8	2.2	19.5
	2.96 Feedback	35	...	...	...	...
142.70	Ferranti	19½	+2½	...	...	...
	19.00 Fiva Tech	158	+5	...	...	...
	10.30 Forward Dpa	143	+27	...	2.3	17.1
	5.98 Forward Tech	17½	-1	...	...	...
8,081.40	GEC	397	+10	9.6	4.3	15.2
	107.00 Gresley	169	+6	10.9	8.6	14.7
	1.66 Hillsdns	36	...	...	1.7	12.7
424.50	Hoskyns Gp	464	+1	2.6	0.7	...
	4.05 INSTEM A	90	+5	...	5.2	5.7
	60.30 James Sroud	348 †	+6½	8.0	3.1	15.2

INDUSTRIALS

	41.20 AAF Inds	224	+1	...	4.5	11.8
439.60	AAH	518	-21	18.3	4.3	16.4
	20.40 AIM	190	-5	8.5	5.8	9.1
358.10	APV	327	-3	9.4	3.8	22.0
	83.00 ASW	134	...	9.0	...	23.5
	94.10 Adwest	145	+4	7.0	6.4	20.6
	4.50 Aerospace Eng	12	...	1.0	...	7.2
54.40	Aligsyrans	461	+1	5.2	3.2	12.8
	40.80 Alexndr W	121	+1	3.6	5.4	66.4
	4.42 Allied Radio	9	...	...	...	...
66.40	Alumasc	86	+5	11.0	3.2	14.1
14.90	Alvis	27	+3	1.0	4.9	5.6
116.40	Amber Ind	420	+15	12.7	4.6	11.3
	1.20 Amberley Gps	20	...	...	6.1	18.1
20.70	Andrews Sykes	148	...	4.4	4.0	...
258.40	Anglo Amern	963	+48	...	2.2	17.0
	11.30 Armour	44 †	-1	1.4	4.5	12.9
41.80	Ash & Lacy	160	...	6.4	5.3	13.2
	7.88 Ass Br Ekts	3	...	0.0	2.2	...
114.70	Avon Rubber	530	+10	16.5	4.0	...
20.80	Assoc Nursg's	106	...	...	...	7.3
55.10	Atlas Equipe	680	...	...	4.1	14.0
	4.60 Ayrshire Metal	46	...	...	...	...
907.90	BBA	162	-5	7.5	6.2	20.9
	1.88 BLP Groups	28	...	...	...	...
64.70	BM Gp	58	...	2.5	5.9	19.6
3,578.70	BOC	755	+9	23.2	4.1	16.6
150.40	BSG	72½	+1	3.2	5.9	19.6
105.60	BSS Group	409	-1	...	5.6	16.3
11,090.60	BTR	556	+7	16.3	4.0	19.5
558.40	BTR	220	+5	6.7	4.1	24.3
185.50	Babcock	34½	...	3.1	...	7.2
	3.98 Bailey (CH)	7½	...	...	...	...
291.40	Baird (Wm)	250	-2	8.9	4.6	16.6
1,360.80	Barlow Rand	699½	+15½	...	5.3	15.3
	3.04 Barnet (EH)	7 #	...	...	...	...
77.10	Baynes (Charles)	62	+3	1.7	2.9	19.8
	1.30 Beaufort	12	...	1.8	...	...
	7.06 Beckenham's	8	...	...	8.3	...
	1.20 Bedford (Wm)	27	+7	...	...	17.7
33.90	Benson Group	26	+2	0.1	0.5	23.9
172.40	Bespak	685	+20	9.0	1.5	21.4
203.30	Bibby (J)	138	...	9.7	10.6	7.2

FINANCE, LAND

	32.10 Aitken Hume	53	...	0.5	...	33.0
	11.60 BWD's	68	...	...	5.9	9.5
	17.80 Baltic Plc	33	...	4.3	...	4.4
	362.70 Caledonia	4.37	-1	14.4	4.4	16.8
	36.30 Camellia	1450	...	27.0	2.5	12.2
	55.30 Candover	348	-2	9.5	5.1	20.5
	29.20 Fleetech's	85	-4	...	...	8.4
162.00	Gowrt	198	...	...	7.0	5.4
1,090.00	Hmpr Stne	231	...	...	6.6	13.9
1,700.00	Hanson	267	-8	...	6.2	...
	20.10 Harris (Philip)	139	-1	6.2	3.5	...
1,172.90	Harrisn Crstle	169	-2	9.0	7.1	29.2
10.90	Haverbck Euro	42	...	1.5	...	...
	5.22 Hawthorn Lesa	2½	...	...	...	...
	9.45 Hay (Norman)	43	+17	1.1	...	...
	3.38 Headway	21

Generators refuse to buy more coal

■ The two main electricity generating companies are resisting pressure from ministers to buy more British-mined coal which, they say, they cannot burn

By Ross Tieman, Industrial Correspondent

BRITAIN'S two biggest electricity generating companies are standing firm against efforts by Michael Heseltine, the trade secretary, to strong-arm them into further concessions on buying British-mined coal they do not need.

Under pressure from ministers, National Power and PowerGen have already offered to buy 40 million more tonnes of coal, at a cost of £1.2 billion, to help delay the threatened closure of 31 pits, with the loss of 30,000 jobs.

But their refusal to buy further tonnages, which they say they cannot burn, has derailed government efforts to save pits without addressing the failings in the power market identified by a select committee enquiry.

No further talks are planned between generators and government officials. British Coal has been sidelined in the talks, a reflection of ministers' unhappiness with the performance of the corporation's board, headed by Neil Clarke.

Ministers remain determined to privatise the corporation and are expected to seek changes when the government's coal white paper has been published next month.

The generators' declared inability to substantially increase purchases should not have surprised the government. Their position has been restated regularly for at least 18 months and was confirmed by the cross-party trade and industry committee enquiry.

Coal sales are being squeezed because output from UK nuclear plants is rising faster than expected, gas plants are displacing coal stations, and the link to the French grid is working as a one-way conduit for French exports to Britain.

Electricité de France said last week: "Export prospects are unchanged," providing confirmation that the UK government has declined to intervene, even though the French sales are subsidised by UK electricity consumers.

Mr Heseltine appears to be in a complex battle with some cabinet colleagues anxious to prevent him from taking more radical action. He will talk to the European Commission on Thursday about possible measures to increase British Coal's scope for sales.

National Power and PowerGen have offered to buy 40 million tonnes of coal without the protection of contracts to sell the power produced from it. The government wants them to take an additional 65 million tonnes.

Under terms proposed by the generators, the power companies would pay a world market price for the coal, and the government would make up the balance of British Coal's costs with a subsidy. The generators would burn the coal in lieu of imports, instead of running down stocks, or in place of spot purchases they would otherwise have made from British Coal.

Even at world market prices of about £30 tonne, the generators would have to spend £1.2 billion. At that price, the government would have to provide up to £9 a tonne, implying a subsidy of up to £360 million, although the result would almost certainly be lower because British Coal's efficiency is expected to improve quickly, reducing production costs.

However, most of the additional coal demand would be in the years to March 1994 and March 1995. In those years, it appears the generators might buy sufficient extra coal to safeguard the survival of six or eight pits. Thereafter, volumes would fall sharply so that, by 1998, when assistance would end, British Coal might have no more than 15 pits, employing only 11,00 miners.

The generators have also offered to stockpile 15 million tonnes of coal for which they have no conceivable need over the next five years. The carrying cost of the stocks would have to be met by the government.

Additional stockpiling would only add to British Coal's future difficulties. At the most recent count, British Coal and the generators already had stockpiled 46 million tonnes of coal, worth about £1.8 billion at current production prices.

Sitting comfortably: Lord Alexander presides over new directors and better results

NatWest profit rise expected

By Patricia Tehan

LORD Alexander, chairman of National Westminster Bank, is starting the year with a clean slate. The bank was cleared last month of allegations that it had behaved dishonestly during the £837 million Blue Arrow rights issue in 1987.

Lord Alexander now has an almost entirely new team of executive directors, headed by Derek Wanless, who took over from Tom Frost last year. Mr Frost became deputy chairman and is due to retire, aged 60, in the summer.

Lord Alexander is expected to unveil a leap in last year's pre-tax profits from £110 million to £500 million tomorrow. The payout to shareholders is likely to be held at 17.5p for the year. The figures will be helped by foreign exchange earnings. NatWest Bancorp, the bank's American arm, is back in the black with profits of $155.7 million.

NatWest has earned respect in the City over the past year to 18 months. It has not, so far, bolstered its capital ratios with a rights issue. But speculation persists that tomorrow will see some form of rights or convertible preference share issue to underpin increased lending.

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Westminster Health Care to seek listing

WESTMINSTER Health Care, one of Britain's leading operators of private nursing homes, is planning a stock market listing, probably at the end of March, to raise more than £50 million to boost its balance sheet and finance expansion in the fast-growing, long-term care market. The flotation, likely to capitalise WHC at more than £100 million, foresees all the stock being placed, but with a clawback arrangement for part of the issue, subject to public demand. Unaudited interim results for the six months to November 30 showed record profits of £4.3 million before tax and interest, up from £2.1 million, on turnover of £17 million.

WHC is 90 per cent owned by National Medical Enterprises, of America, but the flotation will dilute NME's holding to about 40 per cent. WHC owns and operates 39 nursing homes, with 2,620 registered beds, and has a further nine homes under construction. The British long-term health care market was estimated at £7 billion last year, of which private sector nursing home care accounted for £2.2 billion. The Community Care Act, which takes effect in April, should favour purpose-built homes, as the elderly in less need of institutional care will be looked after at home. WHC estimates the need for beds in institutions for people over 85 will rise fourfold to 400,000 over the next ten years.

Lloyd's challenges 'cuts'

THE Corporation of Lloyd's expects the industry to continue to shed jobs to reduce costs, but considers a weekend press report that it thinks 20,000 must be cut in the next year or so, as wildly exaggerated. The Lloyd's market has lost £4.5 billion over three years, causing financial difficulties for many underwriting members. But Nick Doak, spokesman, said the report was based on a "misreading" of what the corporation's new leadership — David Rowland, chairman, and Peter Middleton, chief executive — had signalled by slimming down their organisation. Last week, the corporation said a further 300 job had to go, taking its head count to 1,600 by the end-year, a drop of 30 per cent from 1992. Mr Doak said such cuts could not be emulated across the market.

BAe poised for shake-up

BRITISH Aerospace is expected on Wednesday to detail a restructuring programme involving further job cuts, together with a full-year loss of up to £150 million, plus big provisions. Part of the £750 million provisions which were to be set aside to reshape the regional aircraft business may now be redirected into reducing manpower in other activities. According to reports, the Taiwanese government has approved payment by Taiwan Aerospace Corporation of £120 million to BAe in exchange for a half share in the regional jets company. Production of the RJ series, based on the BAe 146, will be established in Taiwan as well as Britain. In the first half, regional jet business losses almost consumed profits from BAe's defence arm.

Lotus finds sponsors

THE launch at Claridges on Wednesday of the Team Lotus 1993 formula one car will confirm that the corporate sponsorship needed has been drummed up, despite the recession. But it is an open question whether Guy Edwards, team marketing director, has managed to hit the £50 million target he set last year. Running the Lotus team costs about £18 million a season. Mr Edwards, author of *Sponsorship in the World of Motor Sport*, made clear in November that his responsibility for fundraising involved raising substantially higher contributions from industry and commerce. Mr Edwards' search for funds has brought in a bevy of Japanese backers. But Castrol, the British lubricants group, which backed Lotus last year, will remain dominant sponsor.

British Gas sets payout poser

BRITISH Gas is expected to report lower annual profits on Thursday, but most attention will focus on the dividend, in what is likely to be the last payout before the Monopolies and Mergers Commission ends its enquiry. Most analysts are forecasting a total net dividend of 14p to 14.3p, after a restated 13.4p last year.

Final net income is expected to decline to £1.02 billion (£1.16 billion) on an historic cost basis, according to UBS Phillips & Drew. Market forecasts range from £847 million to £1.08 billion.

REPORTING THIS WEEK

TODAY

Interims: Ashtead, Channel Holdings, Essex Furniture, FII Group.
Finals: Baldwin, Caplia Group, Low & Bonar, Norsk Hydro.
Economic statistics: Gross domestic product (fourth quarter — provisional estimate).

TOMORROW

Good growth from new drugs should help **SmithKline Beecham** report an advance in final pre-tax profits to about £1.12 billion (£1 billion), according to Andrew Porter at Nikko. A total dividend of 8.5p (7.7p) is predicted. Market profit forecasts range from £1.11 billion to £1.13 billion.

Unilever is forecast to increase 1992 profits, with the company's global spread providing protection against economic slowdown. UBS Phillips & Drew has pencilled in final pre-tax profits of £2.01 billion (£1.79 billion). Market forecasts range from £1.99 billion to £2.05 billion.

Final pre-tax profits at **National Westminster Bank** are expected to recover to £490 million (£110 million), according to Mark Rorison at Nikko. Earnings are forecast to rise to 16.6p (2.5p) a share and an unchanged 17.5p dividend is predicted. Market forecasts range from £375 million to £500 million.

Interims: Amstrad, European Smaller Cos, Henderson Eurotrust, Multitrust, Murray Income Trust, River & Mercantile Smaller Cos Trust, TR European Growth Trust.
Finals: Admiral, American Trust, East German Inv Trust, Hewitt Group, M&G Income Inv, M&G Recovery Inv Tst, McAlpine (Alfred), National Westminster Bank, Pacific Assets Trust, Porvair, Sedgwick Group, Scottish Eastern, Shires High-Yielding, SmithKline Beecham, Unilever, Updown Investments.
Economic statistics: Long-term unemployment (quarterly analysis of unemployment by age and duration) (January).

WEDNESDAY

Smith New Court has pencilled in a pre-tax loss of £1.08 billion (£81 million loss) for **British Aeropspace** due to restructuring provisions. Market forecasts range from losses of £800 million to £1.1 billion. Smith looks for a 6p dividend (25p).

Interims: JF Pacific Warrant, Jos Holdings, Pacific Horizon Inv Tst, Primadona, Throgmorton Dual Trust.
Finals: Beatrix Mines, British Aerospace, Dakota Group, Dunedin Income Growth, Fairway Group, Hotspur Inv, Wickes.
Economic statistics: Construction — new orders (December provisional).

THURSDAY

Full-year figures from **Imperial Chemical Industries** will show the depressed state of chemicals markets, although City attention will focus on any details of the planned demerger. UBS Phillips & Drew anticipates a slide in final pre-tax profits to £550 million (£843 million). Market forecasts range from £525 million to £600 million.

Interims: Colorgen, Flogas, Macro 4, RCO Holdings (Q1), Roxspur, Scottish Inv Tst (Q1), Tottenham Hotspur, Usher (Frank) Holdings.
Finals: British Gas, Capital & Counties, Dunkeld Group, Gartmore Value Inv (Q3), Green Property, ICI, London Forfaiting, Merlin Intnl Green, Murray Intnl Trust, Provident Financial, Royal Dutch/Shell Group of Companies, Royal Insurance, Shell International Petroleum Company, SKF, Smaller Co's Inv Tst, Telegraph, Thailand Intnl Fund, Transatlantic Holdings.
Economic statistics: Energy trends (December), balance of trade with countries outside the EC (January), new vehicle registrations (January).

FRIDAY

Interims: BBB Design Group, British Assets Trust (Q1), De Morgan Group, Goodwin, Isotron, Seet, Waterman Partnerships.
Finals: Alexanders Holdings, Baillie Gifford Shin, Greenwich Communications, Inoco.
Economic statistics: CBI monthly trends enquiry (February), engineering sales and orders at current and constant prices (December).

PHILIP PANGALOS

BRITISH FUNDS

Stock Outstanding (£million)	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Gro red yld
	SHORTS (under 5 years)				
1,100	Treas 12½% 1993	102	-	12.18	5.24
600	Fund 6% 1993	100	-	5.99	5.63
1,068	Treas 13¾% 1993	106	-	12.97	5.45
2,100	Treas 8¼% 1994	102	-	8.27	5.41
550	Treas 14½% 1994	108 xd	-	13.32	5.46
1,100	Exch 13½% 1994	108	-	12.39	5.56
1,900	Treas 10% 1994	105	-	9.48	5.58
1,240	Exch 12¼% 1994	109	-	11.39	5.65
1,900	Treas 9% 1994	105	-	8.54	5.64
2,350	Treas 12% 1995	111	-	10.81	5.82
214	Gas 3% 1990-95	96	...	3.10	4.52
2,500	Exch 10¼% 1995	109	-	9.36	5.94
840	Treas 12¾% 1995	116	-	10.93	6.02
770	Treas 14% 1996	120	-	11.64	6.26
1,150	Treas 15¼% 1996	125	-	12.19	6.41
800	Exch 13¼% 1996	119	-	11.08	6.43
3,409	Conv 10% 1996	111	+	8.99	6.53
1,280	Treas 13¼% 1997	122	+	10.85	6.70
3,700	Exch 10½% 1997	113	+	9.27	6.66
5,550	Treas 8¾% 1997	107	+	8.11	6.68
830	Exch 15% 1997	131	+	11.39	6.92
3,550	Exch 9¾% 1998	111	...	8.72	6.87
	MEDIUMS (5 to 15 years)				
2,100	Treas 7¼% 1998	102	+	7.14	6.68
1,100	Treas 6¾% 1995-98	100	+	6.72	6.55
935	Treas 15½% 1998	137	+	11.27	7.22
3,909	Exch 12% 1998	121	-	9.87	7.31
1,900	Treas 9½% 1999	111	+	8.54	7.10
3,050	Exch 12¼% 1999	123	+	9.93	7.39
1,252	Treas 10½% 1999	116	+	9.04	7.23
1,798	Conv 10¼% 1999	115	+	8.88	7.29
4,358	Conv 9% 2000	109 xd	+	8.23	7.24
3,171	Treas 13% 2000	129	+	10.05	7.70
4,606	Treas 10% 2001	113 xd	+	8.80	7.65
970	Treas 14% 1998-01	128	-	10.87	7.39
5,777	Treas 9¾% 2002	112	+	8.68	7.85
2,800	Treas 8pc 2003	51	+	7.90	7.79
2,503	Treas 10% 2003	113 xd	+	8.78	7.99
1,620	Treas 11½% 2001-04	120 xd	+	9.53	7.94
493	Fund 3½% 1999-04	72	+	4.84	7.02
3,012	Conv 9½% 2004	110	+	8.64	8.14
4,842	Conv 9½% 2005	109	+	8.64	8.17
2,200	Treas 12½% 2003-05	128	+	9.69	8.34
2,000	Treas 8% 2002-06	99	+	8.06	8.11
3,150	Treas 11¾% 2003-07	122	+	9.56	8.28
2,997	Treas 8½% 2007	101	+	8.34	8.25
1,250	Treas 13½% 2004-08	136	+	9.92	8.41
	LONGS (over 15 years)				
4,321	Treas 9% 2008	105	+	8.50	8.30
2,500	Treas 8% 2009	96	+	8.26	8.34
2,923	Conv 9% 2011	105	+	8.57	8.44
4,850	Treas 9% 2012	105	+	8.56	8.45
1,000	Treas 5½% 2008-12	73 xd	+	7.46	8.20
700	Treas 7¾% 2012-15	94	+	8.23	8.32
1,000	Exch 12% 2013-17	131	+	9.10	8.64
5,000	Treas 8¾% 2017	102	+	8.94	8.52
	UNDATED				
359	Consols 4%	46	+	8.60	...
1,909	War Ln 3½%	40	+	8.59	...
122	Conv 3½%	62	-	5.63	...
276	Consols 2½%	30	+	8.26	...
475	Treas 2½%	29	+1	8.58	...
	INDEX-LINKED				
500	Treas IL 2% 1994	132	-	...	0.73
1,350	Treas IL 2% 1996	166	-	1.39	2.16
500	Treas IL 4⅝% 1998	107	-	2.11	3.71
1,350	Treas IL 2½% 2001	164	...	2.68	3.04
800	Treas IL 2½% 2003	160	+	2.86	3.16
600	Treas IL 4⅜% 2004	109	+	2.97	3.26
1,350	Treas IL 2% 2006	165	+	3.09	3.32
1,400	Treas IL 2½% 2009	149	+	3.27	3.48
1,550	Treas IL 2½% 2011	154 xd	+1	3.33	3.52
1,850	Treas IL 2½% 2013	127	+	3.40	3.57
1,950	Treas IL 2½% 2016	135	+	3.46	3.63
1,550	Treas IL 2½% 2020	129	+	3.53	3.67
1,200	Treas IL 2½% 2024	107	+	3.55	3.69
660	Treas IL 4⅛% 2030	107	+	3.56	3.69

CHANGE ON WEEK

THE POUND

US dollar
1.4555 (+0.0348)
German mark
2.3779 (+0.0224)
Exchange index
77.4 (+1.2)
Bank of England official close (4pm)

STOCK MARKET

FT 30 share
2200.8 (+13.2)
FT-SE 100
2840.0 (-3.0)
New York Dow Jones
3322.18 (-70.25)
Tokyo Nikkei Avge
17010.03 (+158.52)

GILT-EDGED

Inflation set to accelerate

The gilt market's concern about the "funding burden" is misplaced. This is not because the Chancellor will announce a change in the funding rule — though he may do. Nor, despite last week's large surplus, is it because the PSBR will be smaller than expected; forecasting this is a mug's game, as anyone who foretold the repayment of the national debt will testify.

It is because worries about funding are founded on a fallacy — the idea that gilt yields are determined by the supply of, and demand for, savings. This "classical theory of interest" was criticised by Lord Keynes 60 years ago. Gilt yields, he said, are determined not by savings and the demands made on them, but by investors' preferences for different assets. These preferences determine not just where investors place new funds, but how they invest their *stock* of assets. Therefore, the £50 billion of gilt issues likely in 1993-4 should be compared, not to the £35 billion of inflows into life assurance and pension funds, but to the £1,000 billion institutional investors have under management.

On this basis, funding is no more of a problem now than it was in 1975-9, when the gilts market occasionally enjoyed strong rallies. Add in the possible role played by overseas investors, and the fact that "£1 billion of issues per week" must already be reflected in prices, and the conclusion is clear: the volume of new issues will be no obstacle to rising equity or gilt prices.

Unfortunately, this does not allow us to be bullish on gilts. The market's over-estimation of the funding problem is matched only by its underestimation of the inflationary threat resulting from the 16 per cent fall in sterling since Black Wednesday.

Our research has found that all the fall in underlying inflation since 1990 can be explained by the decline in cost pressures and capacity utilisation, and the lagged effects of sterling's membership of the ERM. This means the failure of inflation to rise so far is due merely to time lags.

Most food retailers agree that food RPI inflation will rise to 3-4 per cent this year, on the devaluation of the green pound; this alone will add 0.6 per cent to underlying inflation by December.

The Bank of England also reported in 1990 that, in the long run, "virtually all" of an exchange rate change feeds through to the price level. This is because the small initial impact leads to a rise in wage inflation, which raises costs.

With inflation set to rise, gilts are set to fall, simply because they are expensive. Calls for the government to raise indirect taxes may be counterproductive for gilts. In the longer run, the market is likely to worry about the increase in inflation, rather than cheer the small reduction in the supply of stock.

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WORD-WATCHING

Answers from page 40

MRS MORLEY
(b) The name under which Queen Anne corresponded with "Mrs Freeman", the pen name of Sarah Churchill, Duchess of Marlborough. They were intimate chums and then fell out. Anne, last Stuart monarch, daughter of James II, sister of Mary II, devout protestant, saw the transition from monarchical to parliamentary rule, and was an ordinary woman who reigned during a period of extraordinary national success.

THORN
(b) The name of the Old English and Icelandic letter that sounded like *th*, named, like the other runes, from the word of which it was the initial, cognate with the obsolete Indo-European *trnus*. This useless machine cannot reproduce it, but it looks like a cross between a lower case *p* and a ditto *y*. It gives rise through misapprehension to the modern solecism exemplified by "Ye Old New Inn": "The English letter thorn survived and continued in use down to the 15th century."

JAMIE THE ROVER
(a) The Jacobite King James III, also known as "Old Mr Misfortunate". The Old Pretender was James Francis Edward Stewart or Stuart (1688-1766), son of James II, the warming-pan baby, and known as the *Old Chevalier*. He was called James III by the Jacobites on the death of his father in 1701.

GENTLEMAN JOHNNY
(c) A capable English general and dramatist, who surrendered to Horatio Gates, the American commander whose army had foiled constant British attempts to drive a wedge between the Patriot armies in the northern and middle states. Burgoyne's surrender at Saratoga was painted by John Trumbull.

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Small firms hopeful

A survey carried out among 200 small businesses, mainly in manufacturing, retail, distribution and business services, found that more than half of them increased sales last year. Almost as many expected higher sales this year.

Almost a half said they had grown stronger in the recession; another 16 per cent claimed they had been unaffected by it. The survey was carried out by the Small Business Research Trust for Lloyds Bank.

Cutting waste

The CBI today issues guidelines for company strategies to deal with waste. Disposal costs, it points out, are rising. Andrew Blaza, of the CBI's environment management unit, said any process that allowed resources such as energy and raw materials to be wasted was bad management.

Flotation plan

Yorkshire Food, the Bradford-based food packaging and processing group, announced plans to float, at a value of £30 million to £40 million. Last year, its profit on ordinary activities, before interest, exceeded £3.5 million on sales of more than £60 million.

Dean Witter

We have been asked by Dean Witter International to point out that eight of its 42-strong financial futures division in London have left to join Prudential Bache and that its floor team on Liffe remains intact. Dean Witter acquired Discount Corporation of New York Futures in October last year and not the other way round, as incorrectly stated in City Diary (February 17). We apologise for the error.

LEGAL & PUBLIC NOTICES 071-782 7344

LEGAL NOTICES

CADENCE CONSULTING LTD
(In Members' Voluntary Liquidation)
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
On 15 February 1993 the above company was placed into Members' Voluntary Liquidation and Martin Fishman of Arthur Andersen, P.O. Box 55, 1 Surrey Street, London WC2R 2NT, was appointed Liquidator by the Members.
The Liquidator gives notice pursuant to Rule 4.182A of the Insolvency Rules 1986, that the creditors of the company must send details, in writing, of any claim against the company to Martin Fishman c/o Arthur Andersen, 1 Surrey Street, London WC2R 2NT by 15 April 1993.
The Liquidator also gives notice under the provision of Rule 4.182A(6) that on 17 May 1993 he intends to make a final return to creditors who have submitted claims by 15 April 1993 and that there will be no further distribution to creditors.
The company is able to pay all of its known creditors in full.
Dated 17th February 1993
M. FISHMAN, Liquidator.

GOODS VEHICLE OPERATORS LICENCE
D DAVID & SONS LTD
D David & Sons Ltd., of Felinfach Farm, Tondu, Nr Bridgend, Mid Glam. CF32 9ED is applying to renew without change a licence to use Felinfach Farm, Tondu, Nr Bridgend, Mid Glam. CF32 9ED as an operating centre for 15 goods vehicles and 38 trailers.
Owners or occupiers of land (including buildings) in the vicinity of the operating centre who believe the use or enjoyment of the land will be prejudicially affected, may make written representation to the Licensing Authority at Caradog House, 1-6 St Andrews Place, Cardiff, CF1 3PW within 21 days following the publication of this notice.
Representors must at the same time send a copy of their representation to the applicant at the address given in this notice.

High Advantage Plc
Registered Number: 2146009. Nature of Business: Clothing Importer. Trade Classification: 17. Date of appointment of Joint Administrative Receivers: 16 February 1993. Name of Person Appointing the Joint Administrative Receivers: The HongKong And Shanghai Banking Corporation Limited. Joint Administrative Receivers: I P Phillips & L A Manning (office holder numbers: 2636 & 6477) of: Buchler Phillips & Co., 84 Grosvenor Street, London W1X 9DF.

INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
LANCASHIRE CORPORATION NV
(In Administrative Receivership)
Notice is hereby given that a meeting of the creditors of the above named company will be held under the provisions of Section 48 of the Insolvency Act 1986 at York House, 199 Westminster Bridge Road, London, SE1 7UT on 11 March 1993, at 10.15 am for the purposes mentioned in S48(2) and S49 of that Act.
Creditors whose claims are wholly secured are not entitled to attend or to be represented at the meeting.
Creditors who intend to vote at the meeting should note the following:-
a) Written statements of claim must be lodged with the administrative receivers by 12 noon on the day before the meeting at Ernst & Young, York House, 199 Westminster Bridge Road, London, SE1 7UT.
(b) Proxies for use at the meeting must also be lodged with the administrative receiver.
D J Pallen,
Administrative Receiver
Dated: 17 February 1993

The Insolvency Act 1986
COOLWELL (SAFETY) LIMITED
(In Liquidation)
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that John Colin Shuttleworth of Shuttleworth & Co., 20 Hillcroft, Loughton, Essex IG10 2PS, was appointed Liquidator of the said Company by the creditors on 16th February 1993.
Dated this 17th day of February 1993.
J.C. Shuttleworth, Liquidator.

LEGAL NOTICES

REVILLON FURS LIMITED
Notice to Creditors
On 10 February 1993 the above was placed into Members Voluntary Liquidation and Grant Jones, LL.B, ACA, MICM, MSPI of Morison Stoneham, 805 Salisbury House, 31 Finsbury Circus, London, EC2M 5SQ was appointed liquidator by the members.
The liquidator gives notice pursuant to Rule 4.182A of The Insolvency Rules 1986 that any creditor of the above must send in details, in writing, of any claim against the company to the liquidator, at the above address by 12 March 1993, which is the last date for proving claims. The liquidator also gives notice that he will then make a final distribution to any creditor and that a creditor who does not make a claim by the date mentioned will not be included in the distribution.
NOTA BENE: This notice is purely formal and all known creditors have been, or will be, paid in full.
Dated 10 February 1993
Grant Jones, Liquidator.

THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
ASSOCIATED COMPUTER & OFFICE SUPPLIES LTD.
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN Pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986 that a MEETING of the CREDITORS of the above named Company will be held on 16th March 1993 at The Old Bakery, Lower Gower Road, Royston, Herts. SG8 5EA at 12.00 noon for the purposes mentioned in Section 99 et seq of the said Act.
NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that Maurice Raymond Dorrington, FIPA of 4, Charterhouse Square, London, EC1M 6EN is appointed to act as the qualified Insolvency Practitioner pursuant to Section 98 (2)(a) of the said Act who will furnish Creditors with such information as they may require.
DATED this 17th day of February 1993.
BY ORDER OF THE BOARD
MARTIN TURNER, DIRECTOR.

LEGAL NOTICES

INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
HERKIMER CORPORATION NV
(In Administrative Receivership)
Notice is hereby given that a meeting of the creditors of the above named company will be held under the provisions of Section 48 of the Insolvency Act 1986 at York House, 199 Westminster Bridge Road, London, SE1 7UT on 11 March 1993, at 11.15 am for the purposes mentioned in S48(2) and S49 of that Act.
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D J Pallen,
Administrative Receiver
Dated: 17 February 1993

THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
HOFFMAN SECURITY SYSTEMS LTD
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN Pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986 that a MEETING of the CREDITORS of the above named Company will be held on 12 March 1993 at 4 Charterhouse Square, London EC1M 6EN at 12.00 noon for the purposes mentioned in Section 99 et seq of the said Act.
NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that Maurice Raymond Dorrington, FIPA of 4, Charterhouse Square, London, EC1M 6EN is appointed to act as the qualified Insolvency Practitioner pursuant to Section 98 (2)(a) of the said Act who will furnish Creditors with such information as they may require.
DATED this 15th day of February 1993.
BY ORDER OF THE BOARD
E. HOFFMAN, DIRECTOR.

PUBLIC NOTICES

CHARITY COMMISSION
Charity - Women's Aglow Fellowship
The Charity Commissioners have a made a Scheme for this charity. A copy can be seen for the next month at 303 Blackgate Lane, Tarleton, Preston, Lancashire, PR4 6JJ or a copy can be obtained by sending a stamped addressed envelope to St Albans House, 57/60 Haymarket, London, SW1Y 4QX, quoting reference number NG-327825A/1-CD(Lon2).

EXECUTRY NOTICE
BENJAMIN BARR CROCKETT (DECEASED)
The subscribers act for the executrix dative of the above named who resided latterly at 11 Glenhoe Drive, Rattray, Blairgowrie.
It is understood that the brother of the above named, WILLIAM CROCKETT, latterly lived in the Southampton area and that he had a daughter, whose name is unknown.
Would any person having any information regarding the late William Crockett or his daughter please contact the subscribers:- Messrs. J.M. Hodge & Son, Solicitors, 28 Wellmeadow, Blairgowrie, Perthshire, SCOTLAND PH10 6AX
Telephone No: 0250 874441.

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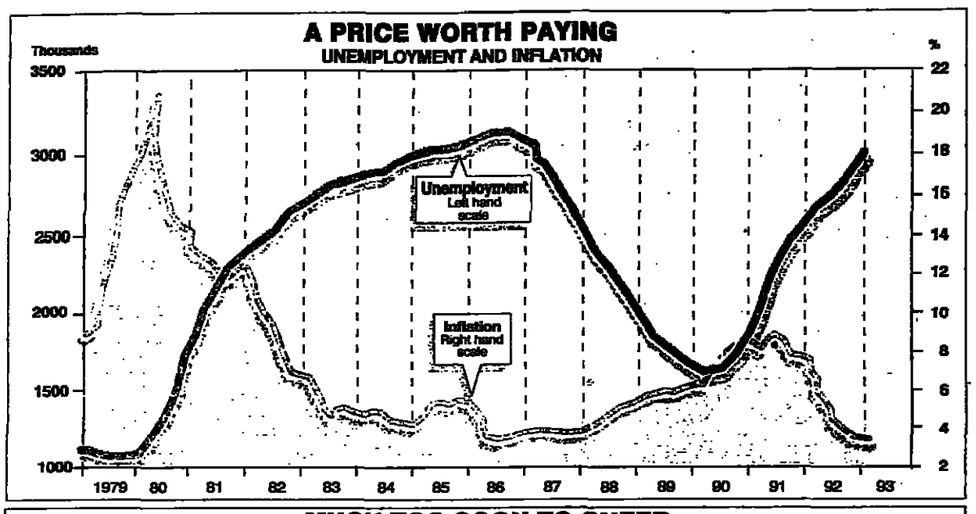
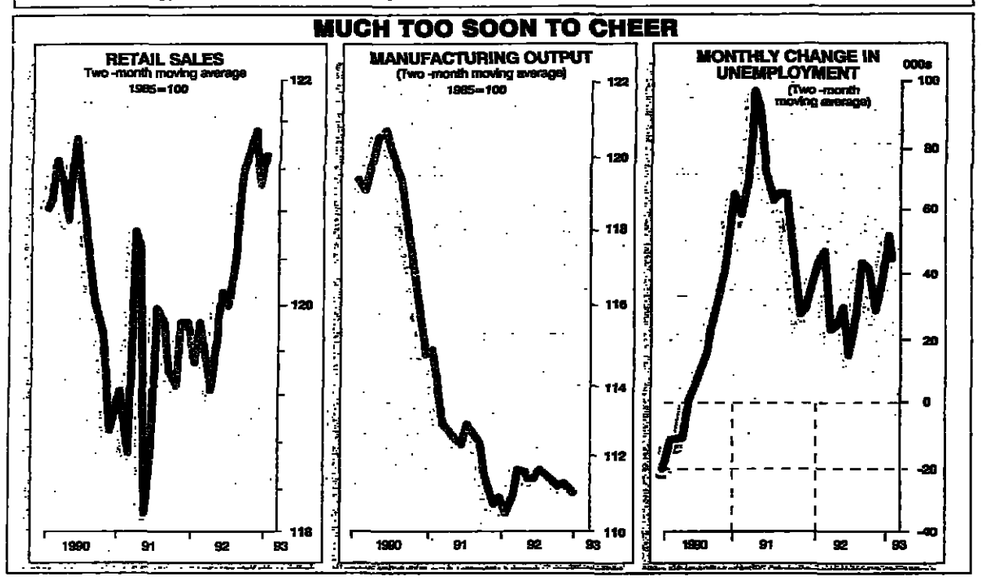
ECONOMIC VIEW

Time for Major to stop using his Chancellor as fall guy

The prime minister should take personal responsibility for the needless harm inflicted on Britain's economy, says Anatole Kaletsky





John Major should thank his lucky stars for Norman Lamont. Were it not for his cack-handed Chancellor, Mr Major would now be facing a far more serious challenge to his authority than the defeat of the Maastricht treaty and the collapse of his fatuous ambition to put a Thatcherite Britain "at the heart" of a social democratic Europe. He would be held personally responsible for the greatest man-made disaster to have befallen this country since World War Two. Although unemployment (as currently defined) was above three million for two years under Margaret Thatcher, Mr Major is far more vulnerable to charges of unnecessary damage to the economy and negligence towards the unemployed.

Not only was Mr Major the Chancellor who set Britain on the road to ruin by putting the pound into the ERM, against the instincts of Lady Thatcher. He is the man who threw 1½ million people out of work for no better reason than to satisfy a personal whim.

Unlike Lady Thatcher, Mr Major faced no economic or social crisis when he took office. In 1990, there was no winter of discontent, no international oil shock, no pay-comparability board, no overweaning trade union barons, no collapse of international trade, and no memories of 30 per cent inflation a few years before. In fact, the economy Mr Major inherited in October 1989, when he became Chancellor, was unusually healthy, certainly by British standards. It had enjoyed three years of the highest productivity growth, as well as the strongest employment growth, in Europe. The government deficit had been eliminated, corporate profits and investment were still strong and private enterprise had been universally accepted as the decade's "Big Idea".

There were two clouds on the economic horizon. Inflation was uncomfortably high, though at 6 per cent, excluding mortgages and poll tax, it was not remotely approaching pre-Thatcher levels. More seriously, the balance of payments was well out of kilter, showing a current account deficit of 4 per cent of GDP, and eating away at the stock of foreign assets built up by the private sector out of the proceeds from North Sea oil.

These problems, along with the build-up of private debt that was the financial counterpart of the balance of payments deficit, required attention. There were plenty of sensible and carefully targeted responses on offer at the time. These could have included somewhat higher income taxes, some regulatory restraints on mortgage lending, the aboliton of poll tax, and a sharp devaluation of the pound. But Mr Major instead chose to wield the sledge-hammer of usurious interest rates and an excessively high exchange rate. The resulting four years of Majorism have crushed all of the jobs, many of the small businesses and most of the spirit of enterprise created during the Thatcher era.

Why did the prime minister choose to do this? The question brings us back to the present day and the hapless Norman Lamont. Mr Lamont crystallised the economic philosophy of John Major with his justly famous remark, in May 1991, that "unemployment is a price worth paying to reduce inflation". When Mr Lamont said this, he was mocked for putting his foot in his mouth, yet again. But his comment was just a blunter version of Mr Major's personal credo. "If it isn't hurting, it isn't working," Mr Major loved to say when he was Chancellor. When he became prime minister, he moved into a more confessional tone: "Never underestimate how much I personally loathe inflation."

The whole point of the anti-inflationary austerity preached by Mr Major since 1989 was that the people for whom the policy would "work" were different from the ones being hurt. Mr Lamont was simply being more honest than the prime minister when he noted that anti-inflation policy would seem an excellent bargain for many people, and above all for Mr Major; after all, the "price" would be paid entirely by the unemployed. In the event, things turned out more awkwardly than expected. Homeowners and small businesses, as well as the unemployed, were badly hit by the recession. Unemployment spread beyond the traditional blue-collar workers enlisted as the cannon fodder in Mr Major's war against inflation; even the managerial officer class came under some heavy fire.

> 'Majorism's four years have crushed most of the enterprise spirit created during the Thatcher era'

Nevertheless, the broad thrust of the campaign was as intended. A million and a half workers lost their jobs, while Mr Major had the pleasure of acting out his "personal loathing" against inflation. In this sense, the apotheosis of Majorism arrived last week, with the almost simultaneous announcement that inflation had fallen below 2 per cent, while unemployment had risen above three million. What more could the prime minister desire? The grim answer was left, as usual, to Mr Lamont.

There was "no scope for further reductions in interest rates", unless the economy took another turn for the worse, Mr Lamont declared. At the time, this comment seemed just a typical piece of pre-Budget bluster by a Chancellor still gripped by dread of the foreign exchange markets. But as last week progressed, the deflationary message became more insistent. First, there was Mr Lamont's exaggerated celebration about blips in the retail sales and production figures, which actually indicated little sign of life (as the chart shows). Then came the Bank of England's inflation report, which falsely asserted that inflation should now be nearer the bottom than the top of its target range, given that the economy is in the trough of recession. This seemingly common sense comment ignored the evidence of the last two economic cycles, when inflation continued falling for three years after the economy started to grow.

Finally, there was last Friday's report of the Treasury's new economic advisers, who may soon have to be rechristened the Seven Silly Men. Far from agreeing a set of principles that challenged the Treasury's smug conventional wisdom, the seven played straight into the government's hands by opposing an early increase in taxes, an option the prime mininster has probably ruled out anyway, on political grounds. Meanwhile, on the far more contentious issue of interest rates, they were as meek as mice, endorsing the Treasury's policy of capricious caution.

It seems, therefore, that the pressures on Mr Lamont are all one way as he prepares for next month's Budget. The Bank, the Wise Men and the CBI all say they are not sure whether recession is ending, but then boldly advise the Chancellor to wait and see. Which leaves Mr Major.

Mr Major has done more unnecessary damage to Britain's economy than anyone since Montagu Norman, the Bank of England governor of the depression years. But since his Pauline conversion during the pit closures fiasco last autumn, the prime minister has begun to make amends. First he foisted on Mr Lamont the "go for growth" rhetoric of the Mansion House speech and Autumn Statement. Then he forced the Treasury to put this phrase into action with the last cut in interest rates.

In next month's Budget, Mr Major will have his next chance to make up for the suffering he has needlessly inflicted on millions. If he chooses to hide behind his Chancellor, the economic vandalism will continue — and, sooner or later, even the supine British public will allocate the responsibility, and the blame.

TEMPUS

ICI split still likely

THE market is understandably nervous about the prospect of ICI's demerger. Seven months after the idea was first floated, there are still so many variables, including whether the split will take place, that traditional financial analysis is almost impossible.

At least it seems likely that the group will announce it is pressing ahead with the demerger when it publishes its figures for 1992 on Thursday. Sir Denys Henderson, ICI executive chairman, had said the final decision would be made in the light of market conditions. Since then, Black Wednesday has prompted a stock market boom, making any equity issue easier, while sterling's devaluation is enhancing overseas profits and giving the British operations a competitive edge.

Because the demerger has generated a momentum of its own, he group would look foolish if it put the project on ice now. Naturally, this prompts questions about the structure of the demerger. Zeneca is likely to be left with the bulk of the group's £2 billion net debt. The City then expects the pharmaceuticals company to raise about £1 billion in equity during the demerger, either as a form of rights issue or an international placing. This would reduce gearing from 150 per cent to 30 per cent. Meanwhile, New-ICI will be able to concentrate on cutting costs and rationalising its diverse product portfolio.

The performance of the two demerged companies will be flattered by the economic recovery and sterling's fall. Operating profits of about £635 million at Zeneca and £120 million at New-ICI in 1992 could rise to £660 million and £250 million this year. This, and the growing enthusiasm for the demerger, should provide a handsome return to shareholders. Whether the exercise will add anything more fundamental to the value of the assets is debatable, at best.

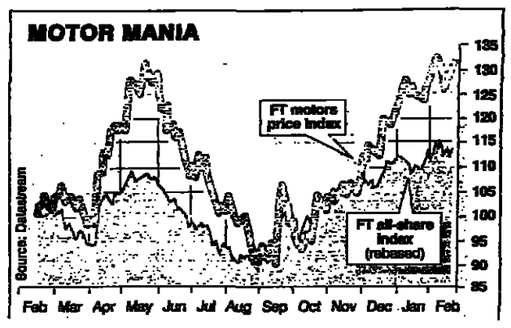
Motors

THE motor sector has accelerated past the FTA all-share index by 20 per cent in the past three months, buoyed by improved figures on new car registrations and vehicle production. As interest rates fall, the high yields on what look like potential recovery stocks have further attracted investors.

However, the sector could have exceeded the limit. The UK car market may be perking up, but Europe looks decidedly unhealthy. Last month's 27.5 per cent fall in car registrations in Germany, which accounts for a quarter of the European market, bodes ill for Britain's car component manufacturers.

About one third of sales by the top five come from continental Europe, through overseas subsidiaries as well as cars exported from Britain. While sales at home are forecast to rise 7 per cent this year, equivalent to 110,000 cars, this will be overshadowed by a 6 per cent decline in Europe, which will reduce the market by more than 800,000 vehicles, a forecast endorsed in Ford Motor's annual figures. Increasing competition between the component manufacturers in this shrinking market could cut margins.

The reporting season, which begins in earnest next month with results from BBA, GKN, T&N and Laird among others, may apply the brakes to the sector's run, as companies reflect publicly on the depressing statistics coming from their main European markets.



Eurotunnel

DESPITE suggestions to the contrary, an outbreak of peace between Eurotunnel and Transmanche Link is as far away as ever. This leads to hard, even painful, decisions for the builders over what provisions to include in their 1992 accounts.

In the extreme case, the shortfall against expenditure on the fixed-cost portion of the project alone could be as much as £700 million in 1985 money, or about £100 million in cash of the day for each of the ten members of the consortium. For those beset by the collapse in the housing market and the shortage of large-scale construction work, that will appear appalling.

Despite what seemed excellent progress in negotiations last summer, the two parties have failed to bridge a substantial gap on the fixed-cost works. TML has lodged papers detailing costs of £1.45 billion in 1985 prices. Under the original contract, about £720 million is payable, but independent assessors suggest that TML could recover between £900 million and £950 million if it pursues the claims in the courts.

Until talks broke down, Eurotunnel was happy to pay more than this to clear the decks of all outstanding disputes, possible litigation and to reach agreement on a guaranteed completion date. TML did not agree to a peace settlement worth £1.2 billion with about £920 million in cash and the rest in near-equity. The peace offering is no longer on the table.

So far, most TML members have provided £12 million each and analysts expect similar amounts this year, making aggregate provisions to end-1992 of about £250 million. Shareholders of BICC, Costain, Tarmac, Taylor Woodrow and Wimpey should wonder how the companies' auditors can square this with the £500 million (at 1985 prices) of daylight between TML's costs and the independent view of what is likely to be recoverable.

Bad debts

INVESTORS who are afraid that large company crashes still await us should take cheer from the fall in Lloyds' bad debt figures, which should be reflected by other banks in the next fortnight.

Lloyds' provisioning policy has been a lead indicator of many large corporate failures. The bank surprised the market by its high provisions in 1989, but these reflected growing credit problems in some of its main customers.

The absence of more heavy provisions suggests the bank's large customers are as financially sound as they appear. Unfortunately, the same cannot be said for the small businesses, which are failing because they cannot meet future working capital needs. Little wonder provisions in Lloyds' retail division are still rising.

THE TIMES CITY DIARY

Pitching for Europe

RICHARD Furber, ex-European director of Lehman Brothers International, has set up a consultancy specialising in international securities. The consultancy will offer advice on sales and marketing of equities in the UK and Europe, and three projects are under way. Boston-born Furber, 44 next month, says: "Working with senior management, we help companies enter or significantly increase penetration into the principal investment management centres in Europe. Where required, we look to identify joint ventures or strategic partners as additional avenues for growth internationally." After a spell on Wall Street with Merrill Lynch, Furber joined Dean Witter in 1981 and moved to Europe after a year. He joined Lehman Brothers ten years later. In his spare time, Furber plays jazz piano and tennis. He was a nationally ranked tennis player in America until a motorcycle accident cut short his career in his mid-teens.

Flying colours

WATSON, the Bolton steelmaker that is part of the AMEC engineering group, has just completed a £13 million order for Japan after putting 62 members of its staff through the equivalent of the Japanese GCSE in welding. Watson was competing to supply 3,700 tonnes of steel for the Kansai airport at Tokyo. The Japanese were impressed by Watson's computer design technology, which transmits intricate patterns direct from screen to cutting shop without the need to produce patterns on paper, but insisted on sending over its own examiners. Watson staff had to take a written test as well as being dab hands with the blow torch. All 62 passed.

The Natural

FIXING up deals has always come naturally for Bill Gates, America's richest man at 37. The boss of Microsoft began while at school. He negotiated a contract with his older sister over the right to use her baseball bat. He also liked taking a spin in bulldozers. In the early days of Microsoft, Gates — who likes to discuss business over dinner with employees and split the bill — used to steal into a nearby construction site after hours and race bulldozers with a friend. This new spotlight on Gates is in a new book aptly titled *Gates*, by Stephen Manes and Paul Andrews. It reveals that Gates also has a unique style with women. When he was going out with venture capitalist Ann Winblad, they decided to invent the virtual date. They would go to the same films in different cities and then discuss what they thought about it on their car phones.

"We'll pay you just as soon as you pay them and they pay us."

Canadian estate agents are trying to make up for falling property prices with ingenuity. One, Countrywide Properties of Toronto, is offering home buyers free "moving-in packs". The packs contain all the things people cannot find on the day of moving. These include half a bottle of wine, two plastic glasses, a bottle opener, a pair of nail scissors, four tea bags, ten Rawlplugs, two light bulbs, a reel of cotton, a box of matches and a condom.

Charting strength

OLD, chartists never die — they, supposedly, just lose relative strength. But judging by recent sightings of popular investment analyst Jack Defries in the Square Mile, he is the exception to the rule. Aged 70 and white-haired, he looks exceedingly sprightly. A fundamentalist until the demise of his Hoblyn partnership in the mid-70s, he developed a leaning towards technical analysis at Greene & Co. With the advent of Big Bang he became a consultant to Morgan Grenfell and then, until recently, to the futures desk at UBS Phillips & Drew. Defries remains active on his own account, but is resisting pressure to take on another consultancy. Each evening after the market closes, he analyses 170 alpha charts and combines this with a detailed analysis of the volume of each share. "The knacker's yard seems a long way off!" says Defries.

WENDY VAIZEY

Notice to Firstdirect customers.

With effect from 22 February 1993 the following rates will apply:

Authorised overdraft rate.

	From	To
Cheque Account	17.50%pa	16.20%pa
Premier Cheque Account	10.00%pa	9.00%pa

Other debit rates.

	From	To
Flexiloan Loans up to £10000	20.50%pa	19.00%pa

Visa.

With effect from 4 March 1993 the following rates will apply: The interest charged to Firstdirect Visa cardholders will be decreased by 0.15% to 1.60% per month. This rate will apply to all interest bearing balances.

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BUSINESS LETTERS

City's finance role raises issues beyond Maastricht

From Mr S. M. Yassukovich

Sir, There is a danger that the political debate on Maastricht will polarize positions and therefore oversimplify the assessment of Britain's vital interests. A case in point is the question of how one of this country's most important industries — wholesale financial services in the City — will be affected by developments in Europe and Britain's role in the process. Evan Davis (February 18) makes a number of headline-provoking but unsubstantiated claims on the presumed cost of Britain's "marginalisation" should it fail to ratify Maastricht. But Maastricht may be slain by hands other than ours and we need to understand the broader trends at work in Europe. The promoters of the Maastricht treaty tend to characterize it as the last and definitive word on Europe. It is obviously not. Unfortunately, the confusion over the treaty, felt throughout the EC, has probably delayed the achievement of the European Economic Area, an objective far more vital to the City's interests than the transient political heat generated by Maastricht.

The City Research Project, funded by the City Corporation, is examining the implications of economic, commercial and technological trends for the City's future competitive position as the leading world financial centre. An understanding of the future shape of Europe, and Britain's role both within the Community and as its principal financial window on the world, is a vital part of this exercise. The issues are not all self-evident. For example, European monetary union would reduce foreign exchange volume in the Square Mile but might enlarge and deepen the capital market, which London's issuing houses already dominate. Will tomorrow's Community, whether post-Maastricht or not, ensure Britain's ability to maintain open and unrestricted financial markets or merely reintroduce restrictive practices at Community level? It is powerfully argued that adherence to the Maastricht treaty is indispensable if Britain is to have its way. But our EC partners might not agree with our way. What will be the implications for the City's position as a global, rather than merely European, financial centre? The examination of the issues must rise above and beyond Maastricht.

Yours faithfully,
S. M. YASSUKOVICH,
Chairman,
The City Research Project,
Corporation of London,
Guildhall, EC2.

Jobless figures

From Mr D. B. Welbourn

Sir, May an engineer who went into industry before the war and remembers the depression all too well point out that the figures for unemployment (February 16) would be even more interesting if you were to take them further back. You would discover that before the war we had nine- to ten-year unemployment cycles. From the end of the war until Healey ditched Keynesian economics, we had four-and-a-half cycles: now of course we are back to the pre-war nine/ten-year cycles once more. Economists may not like Keynes, but industry can cope better with shorter cycles.

Arnold Tustin wrote a book showing that Keynesian economics could be described in terms of modern control theory, which is very successful in explaining why systems of every sort oscillate, and showing how to do something about it. His models, unlike the Treasury model, had closed loops.

Yours faithfully,
D. B. WELBOURN,
Fellow of the Royal Academy of Engineering,
4 Amhurst Court, Cambridge.

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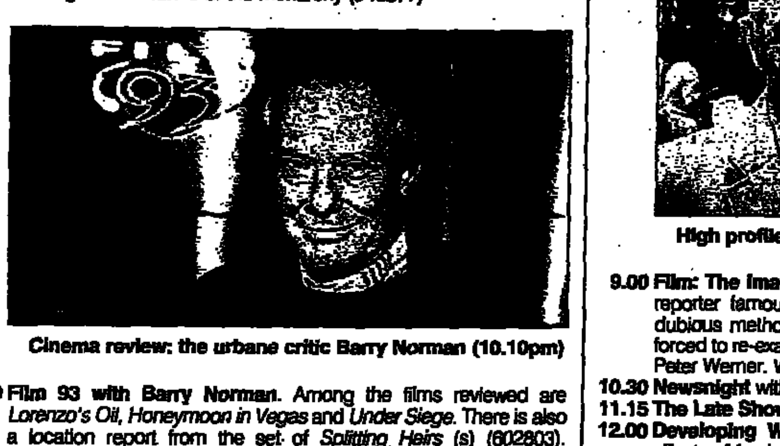
BBC1

6.00 Business Breakfast (62377) **7.00 Breakfast News** (83152025)
9.05 Kilroy. Robert Kilroy-Silk chairs a studio discussion on a topical subject (s) (2668590) **9.45 Ross King**. Game show (s) (6122716)
10.00 News, regional news and weather (9624984) **10.05 Playdays**. For the very young (s) (6511754)
10.30 Good Morning . . . with Anne and Nick (10718193)
12.15 Pebble Mill. Among Alan Titchmarsh's guests is the American singer and actor Kris Kristofferson (s) (7499919) **12.55 Regional News** and weather (98274990)
1.00 One O'Clock News with Philip Hayton. (Ceefax) Weather (62808)
1.30 Neighbours (Ceefax) (s) (87701648) **1.50 Eldorado** (r). (Ceefax) (s) (78750735)
2.20 Dallas. JR tries to escape from his nightmare marriage (r). (Ceefax) (s) (8468025) **3.10 Family Affairs**. Includes Dr Aric Sigman with advice on acne (s) (9243071)
3.40 Cartoon. *Goofy Gophers* (r) (8712445) **3.45 Stoppit and Tidyup** (r) (8711716) **3.50 Poddington Peas** (r) (3115174) **3.55 Radio Roo** (r) (s) (8531938) **4.10 Jackanory**. Cathy Tyson with the first of a two-part story *Seeing Off Uncle Jack* (r) (s) (1755984) **4.25 Rude Dog and the Dweebs** (r) (2387700) **4.35 Peter Pan and the Pirates**. (Ceefax) (s) (3980193)
5.00 Newsround (2548193) **5.05 Blue Peter**. Includes a report from Ghana on how money raised by the I-Care Christmas Appeal is being spent. (Ceefax) (s) (6732483)
5.35 Neighbours (r). (Ceefax) (s) (270071). Northern Ireland: Inside Ulster
6.00 Six O'Clock News with Peter Sissons and Moira Stuart. (Ceefax) Weather (261)
6.30 Regional News Magazines (613). Northern Ireland: Neighbours
7.00 Eldorado.
● CHOICE: Although the event is hardly being greeted with fanfares, and not even a mention in *Radio Times*, this is the soap's 100th edition. Whether it makes 200 is another matter. Viewing figures remain wretchedly low and without radical changes to the show they seem likely to remain that way. *Eldorado*'s trouble is that it has failed to fulfil its brief. The show was supposed to provide sun-drenched escapism for dreary winter evenings. But despite being made in Spain it is far too studio-bound. The outdoor set looks like one and the weather always seems overcast. Above all *Eldorado* has failed to produce memorable characters. Instead of Dirty Den we have clichés: the drunken Scot, the dishevelled Irishman, the excitable Latins. The acting does not help but actors are only as good as the scripts they work from. (Ceefax) (s) (2272)
7.30 Watchdog. Consumer affairs series presented by Lynn Faulds Wood and John Stapleton. (Ceefax) (975)
8.00 2 Point 4 Children. Belinda Lang and Gary Olsen star in Andrew Marshall's offbeat domestic comedy (r). (Ceefax) (s) (9280)
8.30 Bonjour la Classe. The second in the promising new comedy series starring Nigel Planer as an eager but ineffectual French master at a minor public school. (Ceefax) (s) (5087)
9.00 Nine O'Clock News with Martyn Lewis. (Ceefax) Regional news and weather (6551)
9.30 Panorama: Monarchy, Magic and Citizen Major. Vivian White investigates the future of the monarchy (948377)



Cinema review: the urbane critic Barry Norman (10.10pm)

10.10 Film 93 with Barry Norman. Among the films reviewed are *Lorenzo's Oil, Honeymoon in Vegas* and *Under Siege*. There is also a location report from the set of *Splitting Hairs* (s) (602803). Northern Ireland: The Corner House
10.40 Cagney and Lacey. Mary Beth's beliefs lands her behind bars (r). (Ceefax) (441532). Northern Ireland: Our Roving Reporter 10.45 Film 93 11.15 Cagney and Lacey; Wales: International Squash 11.20 Cagney and Lacey
11.30 Who Cares Now? Series exploring the problems of looking after older people (r). (Ceefax) (65803)
12.00 Weather (7919694). Ends at **12.05am**. Northern Ireland (to 12.30am) Who Cares Now?; Wales: 12.10 Who Cares Now? 12.40 News and weather
2.15 BBC Select: Executive Business Club (66385). Ends at **2.45**

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7.35 Open University: Changing Britain — a Century of Change (4510716) **8.00 Breakfast News** (5135648) **8.15 Westminster** (5045071)
8.30 Under Sail. With sea cadets as they man the square rigger Royalist in a race from Margate to Zeebrugge (r) (1319938)
8.50 A Week to Remember (b/w). Pathé newsclips from this week 40 years ago (2928483)
9.00 Daytime On Two. Educational programmes. Including, for children, **9.45 Storytime** (s) (6120358) **1.20 Mr Benn** (98515209) **1.35 Dilly the Dinosaur** (90196700)
2.00 News and weather followed by **Storytime** (r) (s) (51405803) **2.15 Regional Westminster Programmes** (r) (735532). Northern Ireland: Greenfingers **2.45 Past and Present Preserved.** A visit to Amsterdam's Jewish Historical museum, housed in the High German synagogue (r) (8714006)
3.00 News (Ceefax) and weather (7868358) **3.05 Songs of Praise** from Wakefield Cathedral (r). (Ceefax) (s) (9025445) **3.40 A Week To Remember** (b/w). As 8.50am (8734667) **3.50 News,** regional news and weather (8723551)
4.00 World Indoor Bowls Championships 1993 from the Guild Hall, Preston, introduced bu Dougie Donelly (73483)
5.30 Gardeners' World (r). (Ceefax) (990)
6.00 The Addams Family (b/w). Classic humour about a ghoulish American family. (Ceefax) (920532)
6.25 DEF II begins with **Fresh Prince of Bel-Air**. American comedy series (s) (529290) **6.50 Cyberzone.** Virtual reality game show. The guests are speed skaters Wilf O'Reilly and Matthew Jasper who face a game challenge from two VAT enforcement officers (s) (925385) **7.20 Animation Now Triple Bill** (218629)
7.30 A Secret World of Sex. Gay men and women describe how they coped when homosexuality was illegal (r). (Ceefax) (667)
8.00 Horizon: The Pyramid Builders.
● CHOICE: If you have ever wondered how the Egyptian pyramids were built, all those thousands of years ago, this is the programme for you. Scholars have long pondered how the ancients managed to lift stone blocks weighing two tons each to the height of St Paul's Cathedral without the help of yet-to-be-invented wheels or pulleys. There is no convincing answer. But a couple of Americans, archaeologist Mark Lehner and stonemason Roger Hopkins, decide to test the various theories by building their own pyramid. They play fair, using only the tools and materials available to Egyptians 4,500 years ago. Admittedly their edifice is a much scaled down replica but it is a fascinating exercise. Without giving the game away it can be said that their solutions are as ingenious as they are labour intensive. (Ceefax) (s) (585613)
8.50 Lucinda Lambton's Alphabet of Britain. For the letter "R" the effusive Lambton visits the Island of Rhum and explores the Edwardian Kinloch Castle. (Ceefax) (s) (408735)

High profile: Albert Finney, right, John Mahoney (9.00pm)

9.00 Film: The Image (1990). Albert Finney plays a ruthless television reporter famous for getting scoops at any cost. But when his dubious methods lead to the suicide of one of his victims he is forced to re-examine his role. Above-average TV movie, directed by Peter Werner. With John Mahoney. (Ceefax) (s) (5822)
10.30 Newsnight with Francine Stock (411367)
11.15 The Late Show (s) (129193) **11.55 Weather** (842822)
12.00 Developing World: The Poverty Complex. The causes and effects of famine and poverty (7349410). Ends at **12.25am**
2.00 Nightschool: Science in Action (58507). Ends at **4.00**

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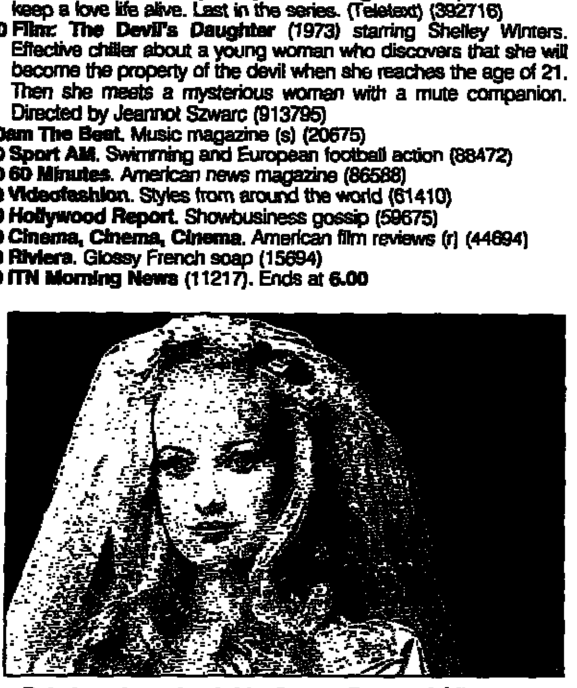
ITV LONDON

6.00 GMTV (8064984)
9.25 Jeopardy! Return of the game show in which Steve Jones supplies the answers and challenges the contestants to provide the questions (9212193) **9.55 London Today** (Teletext) and weather (6597174)
10.00 The Time . . . The Place . . . Topical discussion programme (9897532)
10.35 This Morning. Weekday magazine series presented by Judy Finnigan and Richard Madeley. Today's edition includes Denise Robertson's agony aunt advice, fat-busting exercises and financial tips. With national and international news at **10.55** and regional news at **11.55** followed by national weather (80365464)
12.10 Tots TV. Puppets for children (s) (6392349)
12.30 Lunchtime News (Teletext) and weather (1741648) **1.05 London Today** (Teletext) and weather (80354464)
1.15 Home and Away. Australian family drama serial. (Teletext) (748006) **1.45 A Country Practice**. Medical drama set in the Australian outback (s) (747377)
2.15 Capital Woman. Anneka Rice with her guide for women living and working in London (s) (739358) **2.45 Families**. Soap linking the north of England with Australia (s) (2743174)
3.10 ITN News headlines (7877464) **3.15 London Today** (Teletext) and weather (7876735) **3.20 Blockbusters**. General knowledge quiz game for teenagers, presented by Bob Holness (s) (5740716)
3.50 The Real Ghostbusters (r) (1179795) **4.15 Runaway Bay**. Episode two of the 13-part children's drama set in Martinique. (Teletext) (s) (366551) **4.45 Go Wild!** Chris Packham and his guests demonstrate that being green can be fun (3971445)
5.10 Home and Away (r). (Teletext) (8726822)
5.40 Early Evening News (Teletext) and weather (977087)
6.00 London Tonight presented by Alastair Stewart and Fiona Foster. (Teletext) (14006)
7.00 Wish You Were Here . . ? Judith Chalmers is in a Boulogne hotel that offers cookery courses; John Carter visits Angus on the east coast of Scotland; Alison Holloway takes a Land-Rover safari in the Atlas mountains of Morocco; and there is a city break guide to Vienna. (Teletext) (s) (2700)
7.30 Coronation Street. (Ceefax) (193)
8.00 The Upper Hand. Weak role-reversal comedy starring Joe McGann as a male housekeeper for a businesswoman. With Diana Weston, Honor Blackman and, in a guest appearance, *Katherine Helmond of Soap* (s) (1648)
8.30 World in Action: Dear Bill, Love John. Two days before President Clinton meets John Major, an investigation into accusations that the Conservative party tried to help prevent Clinton's election and the possible effect on the special relationship (3483)
9.00 Head Over Heels. Last in the comedy drama series set in the fifties rock 'n' roll years. With Gemma Page (1975)
10.00 News at Ten (Teletext) and weather (81280) **10.30 London Tonight** (Teletext) and weather (810803)
10.40 The Good Sex Guide. With the help of Bernard Hill, Linda Robson, Pauline Quirke and Roger Lloyd Pack, Margi Clarke explores how to keep a love life alive. Last in the series. (Teletext) (392716)
11.10 Film: The Devil's Daughter (1973) starring Shelley Winters. Effective chiller about a young woman who discovers that she will become the property of the devil when she reaches the age of 21. Then she meets a mysterious woman with a mute companion. Directed by Jeannot Szwarc (913795)
12.30am The Beat. Music magazine (s) (20675)
1.30 Sport AM. Swimming and European football action (88472)
2.30 60 Minutes. American news magazine (86588)
3.30 Videofashion. Styles from around the world (61410)
4.00 Hollywood Report. Showbusiness gossip (59675)
4.30 Cinema, Cinema, Cinema. American film reviews (r) (44694)
5.00 Riviera. Glossy French soap (15694)
5.30 ITN Morning News (11217). Ends at **6.00**



Debutante to society bride: Gemma Page as Stella (9.00pm)

CHANNEL 4

6.45 Spiff and Hercules (9196919)
7.00 The Big Breakfast presented by Chris Evans and, for this week, Danii Minogue (16071) **9.00 You Bet Your Life** (s) (75629)
9.30 Schools (483025)
12.00 Right To Reply. Viewers comment on Sky's *Diana: Her True Story* and Channel 4's *The Love Weekend* (r). (Teletext) (s) (88193)
12.30 Sesame Street. The guest is actress Susan Saint James (81629)
1.30 Lift Off. Children's entertainment (s) (23700)
2.00 Film: Men Are Not Gods (1936, b/w). Miriam Hopkins plays a secretary who falls for a Shakespearean actor (Sebastian Shaw) to the dismay of his wife (Gertrude Lawrence). Rex Harrison completes a star cast but the result is disappointingly tame. Directed by Walter Reisch (47193)
3.30 Film: Dublin in Brass (1933, b/w). Lively short starring Martin Downey as a singing Irish policeman hoping to go to New York for the St Patrick's Day parade (6866667)
3.55 Gardens Without Borders. Alan Mason visits Chartres (r). (Teletext) (s) (8302280)
4.30 Countdown. Words and numbers game. (Teletext) (s) (826)
5.00 The Late Late Show. Dublin's music and topical chat show, hosted by Gay Byrne (s) (9613)
6.00 Children's Ward. Medical drama series (r) (241)
6.30 The Cosby Show. American domestic comedy. The guest is jazz singer Betty Carter (r). (Teletext) (551)
7.00 Channel 4 News (Teletext) and weather (302396)
7.50 Comment. Paul Brenells on the divisions within his North London community, highlighted by the recent murder of an Orthodox Jewish woman (913822)
8.00 Brookside. Merseyside soap. (Teletext) (s) (2990)

Father and son: Daniel Peacock, Alex Langdon (8.30pm)

8.30 Teenage Health Freak.
● CHOICE: The second series of Daniel Peacock's comedy finds Peter (Alex Langdon) now 17, at sixth form college and set on entering film school. He is also determined to lose his virginity, preferably with the desirable Amanda (Liza Walker). Newcomers to the show may be puzzled by the health freak reference and be advised to treat this as essentially a study in adolescent Angst and embarrassment. The under age hero may talk big but can hardly bring himself to order a drink in a pub while Amanda proves not only unattainable but able to wind her would-be Romeo round her little finger. This is familiar comedy material, brought up fresh by the show's quirky treatment and gift for the unexpected. It is hard to think of many sitcoms featuring a live birth. Writer Peacock also plays Peter's hapless father. (Teletext) (s) (1025)
9.00 Cutting Edge: The Claims men.
● CHOICE: Malcolm Brinkworth's documentary goes among the men (there appear to be no women) involved in assessing insurance claims. On one side are the loss adjusters. Their job is to ensure that companies pay only what they have to and to smell out fraud. On the other side are loss assessors, who make their living advising the insured. Perhaps unexpectedly, the film's sympathy tends to lie with the companies. The adjusters are shown as honourable men dealing with tricky and uncooperative claimants. There is a memorable dust-up at a shoe and hat shop, whose owner is claiming for damage to stock but cannot produce invoices. The assessors, by contrast, come across as naked opportunists who race to the scene of a fire and, as someone says, "hand out calling cards like confetti". (Teletext) (8667)
10.00 Northern Exposure. Off-beat comedy series about a New York doctor practising in the wilds of Alaska (s) (1754)
11.00 South: Fields of Dreams. From Cuba and Algeria films of wedding ceremonies explore how people respond to the economic and political challenges of their societies (12385)
12.00 Devil's Advocate. In the first of a new series Darcus Howe challenges Professor Zaki Badawi over his view that the Asian family is the right model for a successful society (4479149)
12.45am Brown Sugar. The first of three programmes tracing the careers of black women singers focuses on Ma Rainey (r) (295255). Ends **1.45**

VARIATIONS

ANGLIA
As London except: 2.15pm-2.45 Yan Can Cook (739358) **3.20-3.50** The Young Doctors (5740716) **5.10-5.40** Blockbusters (8726822) **6.00** Home and Away (924358) **6.25-7.00** Anglia News (615087) **11.10** Miller and Mueller (236822) **12.05am** The Twilight Zone (732372) **12.35** The Equalizer (5891149) **1.30** Sport AM (88472) **2.30** Donahue (8602323) **3.25** The Beat (9740255) **4.30** Riviera (44694) **5.00-5.30** Jobfinder (15694)

BORDER
As London except: 2.15pm-2.45 Graham Kerr (739358) **3.20-3.50** Sons and Daughters (5740716) **6.00** Lookaround (629) **6.30-7.00** Take the High Road (209) **10.40** Film: Triumphs of a Man Called Horse (89216272) **12.20am** Rock Sport (3021052) **12.35** The Equalizer (5891149) **1.30** Sport AM (88472) **2.30** Donahue (8602323) **3.25** The Beat (9740255) **4.30** Riviera (44694) **5.00-5.30** Jobfinder (15694)

CENTRAL
As London except: 1.15pm A Country Practice (748006) **1.45** Home and Away (747377) **2.15-2.45** Graham Kerr (50638795) **3.20-3.50** G.P (5740716) **5.10-5.40** Blockbusters (8726822) **6.00** Home and Away (924358) **6.25-7.00** Central News (615087) **11.00** Film: Night of Terror (487280) **12.35am** Crime Story (5872014) **1.35** McCloud (5779675) **2.55** 60 Minutes (5757859) **3.50** Jobfinder (1620410) **4.55** Karm Bhoom (58777439) **5.20-5.30** Asian Eye (3094526)

GRANADA
As London except: 1.15pm A Country Practice (748006) **1.45** Home and Away (747377) **2.15-3.10** Family Theatre (9490193) **3.20-3.50** Sons and Daughters (5740716) **5.10-5.40** Bratpack (8726822) **6.00** Home and Away (629) **6.30-7.00** Granada Tonight (209) **10.40** Film: Triumphs of a Man Called Horse (80216272) **12.20am** Rock Sport (3021052) **12.35** The Equalizer (5891149) **1.30** Sport AM (88472) **2.30** Donahue (8602323) **3.25** The Beat (9740255) **4.30-5.00** Riviera (44694)

HTV WEST
As London except: 1.45pm Blockbusters (747377) **2.15-2.45** Graham Kerr (739358) **3.20-3.50** The Sullivans (5740716) **6.00-7.00** HTV News (629) **11.10** Flavio — The Sculptor Who is Blind (288280) **11.40** Life Goes On (580280) **12.35am** The Equalizer (5891149) **1.30** Sport AM (88472) **2.30** Donahue (8602323) **3.25** The Beat (9740255) **4.30** Riviera (44694) **5.00-5.30** Jobfinder (15694)

HTV WALES
As HTV West except: 6.00pm Wales at Six 6.30-7.00 Primetime **10.40** The Welsh Choral Festival **11.10** The Good Sex Guide **11.40-12.35am** Life Goes On

MERIDIAN
As London except: 2.15pm-2.45 I Can Do That (739358) **3.20-3.40** The Young Doctors (5740716) **6.00** Meridian Tonight (629) **6.30-7.00** Country Ways (209) **11.10** Ambulance! (288280) **11.40-12.30am** Miller and Mueller (108735) **5.00-5.30** Freescreen (15694)

TYNE TEES
As London except: 1.45pm-2.45 Brand New Life (8702984) **3.20-3.50** The Young Doctors (5740716) **6.00** Tyne Tees Today (629) **6.30-7.00** College Cuisine (209) **11.10** Prisoner: Cell Block H (236822) **12.05am** Film: Take it Easy (703491) **1.40** Entertainment UK (5030588) **2.40** Trans World Sport (8681830) **3.40** ITV Chart Show (5280168) **4.35-5.30** Jobfinder (6505120)

ULSTER
As London except: 1.45pm Fair City (747377) **2.15-2.45** Home of Good Food (739358) **6.00-7.00** UTV Live at Six (14006) **11.10** Film: Blue Blood (487280) **12.35** The Equalizer (5891149) **1.30** Sport AM (88472)

WESTCOUNTRY
As London except: 1.45pm Blockbusters (747377) **2.15-2.45** Gardening Time (739358) **3.20-3.50** A Country Practice (5740716) **6.00-7.00** Westcountry Live (14006) **10.40** Westcountry Focus (39271) **11.15** Film: The Eyes of Charles Sand (363236) **12.35am-1.30** The Equalizer (5891149) **2.30** Donahue (8602323) **3.25** The Beat (9740255) **4.30** Riviera (44694) **5.00-5.30** Jobfinder (15694)

YORKSHIRE
As London except: 1.45pm-2.45 Brand New Life (8702984) **3.20-3.50** The Young Doctors (5740716) **5.55** Calendar (385209) **6.30-7.00** Enterprize 93 (209) **11.10** Prisoner: Cell Block H (958532) **12.05am** Film: Take it Easy (2160762) **1.40** Entertainment UK (5030588) **2.40** Trans World Sport (8681830) **3.40** ITV Chart Show (5280168) **4.35-5.30** Jobfinder (6505120)

S4C
Starts: 7.00 The Big Breakfast (16071) **9.00** You Bet Your Life (75629) **9.30** Schools (483025) **12.00** Right To Reply (88193) **12.30** Slot Meithrin (43759) **1.00** Lift Off (99358) **1.30** Blossom (23700) **2.00** Film: Bottoms Up! (4536385) **3.25** Timesigns (5747829) **3.55** Gardens Without Borders (6841358) **4.25** Slot 23 (8562174) **5.00** Countdown (3006) **5.30** Brookside (358) **6.00** News (399648) **6.10** Heno (846342) **7.00** Pobol Y Cwm (1782) **7.30** Sgorio (40342) **8.30** News (421551) **8.55** Pelydr X (189193) **9.30** Cheers (17193) **10.00** Northern Exposure (749071) **10.55** Cutting Edge (192754) **11.55** Secret Life of Machines (969254) **12.25-12.55** Dream On (7344965)

SATELLITE

SKY ONE
6.00am The DJ Kat Show (36096193) **8.40** Lamb Chops Play-a-Long (5498025) **9.10** Karate Kat (8135803) **9.30** The Pyramid Game (42803) **10.00** Strike it Rich (18919) **10.30** The Bold and the Beautiful (11445) **11.00** Hart to Hart (37532) **12.00** Falcon Crest (85754) **1.00pm** E Street (48648) **1.30** Another World (8018957) **2.15** Santa Barbara (297342) **2.45** Maude (298613) **3.15** The New Leave it to Beaver (399754) **3.45** The DJ Kat Show (8464590) **5.00** Star Trek: The Next Generation (1803) **6.00** Rescue (8445) **6.30** E Street (2025) **7.00** Alf (2532) **7.30** Family Ties (8209) **8.00** Parker Lewis Can't Lose (1280) **8.30** Lonesome Dove: Second of a four-part mini series (55919) **10.30** Studs (12174) **11.00** Star Trek: The Next Generation (56025) **12.00** Pages from Skytext

SKY NEWS
News on the hour.
6.00am Sunrise (49938) **8.30** News and Business Report (967342) **9.30** Roving Report (44025) **10.30** Memories of 1970-1991 (95261) **11.30** International Business Report (13445) **12.30pm** News and Business Report (41367) **1.30pm** Good Morning America (91826) **2.30** Parliament Live (3870532) **3.15** Parliament Live (2269822) **4.30** News and Business Report (8822) **5.00** Live at Five (34667) **6.30** News and Business Report (23261) **7.30** Sky News Special Report (9551) **10.30** Special Report (50754) **11.30** ABC News (13735) **12.30am** Getaway (65491) **1.30** ABC News (28856) **2.30** Memories of 1970-1991 (65694) **3.30** ABC News (77439) **4.30** Special Report (60588) **5.30-6.00** ABC News (42101)

SKY MOVIES+
6.00am Showcase (2531822)
10.00 Mission of the Shark: War-time story of the USS Indianapolis (57735)
12.00 Gaily, Gaily (1969): Comedy biopic of Ben Hecht, starring Beau Bridges (16551)
2.00pm Papa's Delicate Condition (1963): Comedy starring Jackie Gleason (81716)
4.00 Silent Movie (1976): Mel Brooks plays a film producer staging a comeback (6735)
6.00 Mission of the Shark (as 10am) (94280)
8.00 Over Her Dead Body (1990): Elizabeth Perkins betrays her sister and accidentally kills her (23970667)
9.40 UK Top Ten (526919)
10.00 A Kiss Before Dying (1991): Sean Young discovers that her husband, Matt Dillon, is a killer (237342)
11.35 Listen To Me (1989): Drama about a college debating team (561551)
1.25am Mirage (1991): A group of friends are stalked by a jeep driver (7685965)
2.55 In Gold We Trust (1990): Jan-Michael Vincent searches for treasure (3205101)
4.20 Storm (1987): Students on a camping trip are threatened by a gang of thieves (322323). Ends at **6.00**

SKY MOVIES GOLD
6.00pm King Rat (1965): Tension arises between inmates in a POW camp (89342)
8.00 Fool's Parade (1971): Three former convicts try to go straight (64087)
10.00 Nightmare in Badham County (1976): Two girls are captured by white slave traders (525984). Ends at **11.50**

THE MOVIE CHANNEL
6.50am St Louis Blues (1958): Biopic of the songwriter W.C. Handy (68598261)
8.30 Lies My Father Told Me (1975): A boy idolises his grandfather (50055629)
10.15 Walk in the Spring Rain (1970): Ingrid Bergman has an affair (27545754)
12.10pm Young Survivors (1982): Children are stranded on a shipwreck (2870984)
1.40 The Chipmunk Adventure (1989): Cartoon fun (9798938)
3.05 The Return to Boggy Creek (1977): Children's adventure (58534087)
4.40 King of the Wind (1989). Drama about a mute Arab boy's love for a wild stallion (80087784)
6.30 Xposure: Film news (5735)
7.00 Dad's Army (1971): Arthur Lowe commands the Home Guard (45551)
9.00 Last Wish (1992): Fact-based story of a mother dying of cancer (38551532)
10.40 The Deer Hunter (1978): Four steelworkers are sent to Vietnam (30455377)
1.45am Too Hot To Handle (1991): A playboy falls for a showgirl (718101)
3.45 May Wine (1990): A mother and daughter fall for the same man (392633)
5.15 Man of a Thousand Faces (1957): Biopic of the silent film star Lon Chaney (3021675) Ends at **6.00**

SKY SPORTS
6.00am Test Match Cricket (7568813) **11.30** Boxing (30377) **1.30pm** Golf (34754) **3.30** Premier League Football: Blackburn Rovers v Chelsea (41551) **5.30** Fishing the West (3532) **6.00** Soccer News (254261) **6.03** Trucks 'n' Tractor (5795) **6.30** Goal (4025) **7.00** Monday Night Football: Sheffield Utd v Oldham Athletic (344342) **10.00** Soccer News **10.03** Boots and All (45984) **11.00** Goal (75808) **11.30** Test Match Cricket (71551) **1.30** Football (as 7pm) (94149) **3.30-6.00am** Test Match Cricket (108156)

EUROSPORT
6.00am Step Aerobics (93700) **8.30** Tennis (12597445) **10.20** Nordic Skiing (73183700) **10.20** Nordic Skiing (73183700) **12.30pm** Euroscores (98209) **1.00** Tennis (4659980) **6.00** Nordic Skiing (33700) **7.00** Boxing (44209) **8.00** Eurofun (5648) **8.30** News (7483) **9.00** Eurogoals (33193) **10.00** Nordic Skiing (65990) **11.30-12.00** News (69613)

SCREENSPORT
7.00am NBA Action (70261) **7.30** Tennis Tour (55700) **9.00** NHL Review (74548) **10.00** Ice Hockey (31667) **11.30** Basketball (38919) **1.30pm** Monster Trucks (33754) **2.00** Go — Motorsport (40632) **3.00** Tennis Tour (69984) **4.30** World Sports Special (2602) **5.00** Top Match Football (1445) **6.00** *The Mountain Bike Show* (8087) **6.30** Ice Hockey (56174) **8.30** Pro Box (77377) **9.30** Football Europa (21919) **10.00** Monster Trucks (84990) **10.30** Golf: Moroccan Open (48290) **11.30** Ten Pin Bowling (53377) **12.30-1.00am** French Ice Racing (53743)

UK GOLD
6.00am Rainbow (38711071) **6.15** Button Moon (38812754) **6.30** The Raccoons (1811025) **7.00** *Defenders of the Earth* (3771342) **7.30** Neighbours (3863377) **8.00** Sons and Daughters (5445174) **8.30** EastEnders (5444445) **9.00** The Bill (5468025) **9.30** The Duchess of Duke Street (5267532) **10.30** Shoestring (7253261) **11.30** Don't Wait Up (4826939) **12.00** Sons and Daughters (5448261) **12.30pm** Neighbours (5037008) **1.00** EastEnders (3770613) **1.30** The Bill (5036377) **2.00** George and Mildred (7251990) **2.30** After Henry (3371735) **3.00** Dallas (4545325) **4.00** Defenders of the Earth (3362087) **4.30** Deka Wilson (3268071) **5.00** Candid Camera (7179342) **5.30** Give Us a Clue (3375551) **6.00** Neighbours (3372464) **6.30** The Duchess of Duke Street (5646272) **7.30** George and Mildred (3289700) **8.00** EastEnders (7271754) **8.30** After Henry (7250261) **9.00** Shoestring (3081984) **10.00** The Bill (5449990) **10.30** Three of a Kind (5465938) **11.00** Dick Emery (4626731) **11.30** Film: Guns Don't Argue (1955, b/w): Docu-drama about the early years of the FBI. Starring Myron Healy (9557006) **12.45am** Video Bites (37730033)

RADIO 3

6.35am Open University: Arts Foundation Course — Sullivan
6.55 Weather
7.00 On Air: Andrew Lyle presents music, news and weather. Including Liszt (Hungarian Rhapsody No 2 in C sharp minor: Benno Moiseiwitsch, piano); Berwald (Septet in B flat: Nash Ensemble); Weber (Andante and Hungarian Rondo: Württemberg CO under Jorg Faerber, with George Zukerman, bassoon); Vanhal (Symphony in G minor: Prague Chamber Orchestra under Oldrich Vlcek)
9.00 Composers of the Week: J.C. Bach and His London Contemporaries. J.C. Bach (Overture, Il tutore e la pupilla: Academy of Ancient Music); Abel (Frena le belle lagrime: London Baroque under Charles Medlam, with Emma Kirkby, soprano); J.C. Bach (Overture, Orione: Academy of Ancient Music); Giardini (Violin Sonata in E, Op 1 No 3: Locatelli Trio); J.C. Bach (Concerto in D, Op 1 No 6: Vienna Capella Academica)
10.00 Morning Sequence: Bartók (Three Hungarian Folk Songs from the Csik District: Sarah Francis, oboe, Michael Dussek, piano); Trad (Dance ti' Thy Daddy: Northern Sinfonia of England under David Haslam, with Thomas Allen, baritone); Trad (La cules de cucuruz: Sirba); Nielsen (Rhapsodic Overture, An Imaginary Journey to the Faroe Islands: SNO under Alexander Gibson) Nielsen (Two Fantasy Pieces: Sarah Francis and Michael Dussek); Vaughan Williams (Songs of Travel: City of Birmingham SO under Simon Rattle, with Thomas Allen); Trad (Doina; Sirba), Slavicky (Suite for oboe and piano); Suk (Fantastic Scherzo: Czech CO under Jiri Belohlavek); Trad (Hora); Tippett (Five Negro Spirituals, A Child of Our Time: Christ Church Cathedral Choir under Stephen Darlington); Bartók (An Evening in the Village Dudasok: Sarah Francis and Michael Dussek); Trad (Batuta, Lacatus Mihai)
12.00 Vintage Years: David Mellor introduces recordings of Elgar's music made by his contemporaries
1.00pm News
1.05 BBC Lunchtime Concert, live from St John's, Smith Square, London. Gyorgy Pauk, violin, and Ralph Kirshbaum, cello, play Prokofiev (Sonata for solo violin, Op 115); Bach (Cello Suite No 1 in G, BWV 1007); Ravel (Sonata for violin and cello)
2.05 Third Opinion: Philip Dodd reports from the Berlin international film festival (r)
2.50 BBC Welsh SO under Tadaaki Otaka performs Mathias (In Arcadia); Bartók (Piano Concerto No 3: Stephen Hough); Sibelius (The Swan of Tuonela; Symphony No 5 in E flat)
4.20 Russian Organ Music: Alexander Fiseisky, on the 1913 Sauer organ in Tallinn Cathedral, Estonia, plays Glazunov (Prelude and Fugue in D, Op 93); Lyapunov (Prelude pastoral, Op 54); Nikolayev (Fugue in E flat minor); Taneyev (Chorale Variations); Glière (Fugue on a Russian Christmas Song); Glazunov (Prelude and Fugue in D minor, Op 98)
5.00 In Tune, with Andrew Green, whose guest is the violinist Gyorgy Pauk
7.30 Bruckner: Symphony No 7 in E (Berlin Philharmonic under Sergiu Celibidache)
9.05 Hits of the Twenties: George Melly introduces Bessie Smith singing "Nobody in Town Can Bake a Jelly Roll Like Mine"
9.15 Nash Ensemble performs Bax (Nonet); Bliss (Ballad of the Four Seasons: Women of Yueh; Rhapsody); Holst (Savitri: with London Voices, Women's Chorus)
10.45 Mixing It, presented by Robert Sandall and Mark Russell
11.30 Early Music from Regensburg: Concerto Amabile of San Francisco performs Isabella Leonarda (Trio Sonata in E minor); Barbara Strozzi (Lamento); Leonarda (Sonata in D minor); Elizabeth-Claude Jacquet de la Guerre (Trio Sonata in G minor; Cantata, Semélé)
12.30-12.35am News
1.00-2.25am Night School (except in Scotland: as R5 at 1.05pm)

RADIO 4

5.55am Shipping Forecast **6.00** News Briefing, incl **6.03** Weather **6.10** Farming Today **6.25** Prayer for the Day **6.30** Today, incl **6.30, 7.30, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30** News **6.45** Business News **6.55, 7.55** Weather **7.25, 8.25** Sports News **7.45** Thought for the Day **8.35** The Week on 4 **8.43** If You Want to Get Ahead, Get a Hat: Vanessa Feltz gives this advice **8.55** Weather
9.00 News 9.05 Start the Week
10.00-10.30 Globetrotters (FM only): Travel quiz, chaired by Arthur Smith. With Rosalind Miles, Nigel Barley, Christina Dodwell, Leslie Thomas
● CHOICE: This panel game may not be as "incredibly exciting" as chairman Smith keeps saying it is, but it is certainly fast-moving, informative, cheerful and global. Only a couple of the questions (about Mount Ararat and the Raffles hotel) are elementary enough to insult the intelligence of the panel of experts. The identification of visual objects is not ideal radio, and we should have been told *which* animals, found in Madagascar, are not seen anywhere else on earth
10.00 Daily Service (LW only) from Ealing Abbey, London
10.15 Revelations of Divine Love (LW only): Hannah Gordon reads from the reflections of Julian of Norwich, the 14th-century mystic (3/12)
10.30 Woman's Hour talks to the writer Julie Burchill, the jazz poet Dana Bryant and the zoologist Stephanie Ray. Incl **11.00 News**
11.30 Money Box Live: 071-580 4444. Lines open from 10am
12.00 You and Yours
12.25pm Counterpoint: Ned Sherrin referees the musical quiz **12.55** Weather
1.00 The World at One, presented by James Cox
1.40 The Archers (r) **1.55** Shipping
2.00 News; Lavender Song: Patricia Wood's award-winning play about three survivors of the first world war, who are isolated from the outside world by two attendants (r)
3.30 On the Ropes: John Humphrys talks to the former amateur boxer George Walker, who went on to found the property and leisure empire Brent Walker **4.00 News**
4.05 Kaleidoscope talks to the viola/violin player Philip Dukes; reviews the new Dennis Potter series on Channel 4, *Lipstick on Your Collar*; and finds out who buys music guides
4.45 Short Story: A Woman Without a Country, by John Cheever. Read by William Hootkins
5.00 PM 5.50 Shipping Forecast **5.55** Weather
6.00 Six O'Clock News
6.30 Just a Minute! Nicholas Parsons hosts the non-stop talk show (r)
7.00 News 7.05 The Archers (r)
7.20 The Food Programme, with Derek Cooper (r)
7.45 The Monday Play: The Newsagent and the Counsellor. Don Haworth's poignant and humorous play stars Stephen Moore and Maggie Steed. A newsagent seeks counselling when he throws his son's stereo through a bedroom window. The counsellor discovers the reason for his uncharacteristic outburst, but in so doing reveals that she is in need of advice
9.00 The Beaten Track: Travel and Travail. Ian Ousby traces the origins of the tourist industry (2/4) (r)
9.15 Kaleidoscope (r)
9.45 The Financial World Tonight, with Roger White **9.59** Weather
10.00 The World Tonight, with Robin Lustig
10.45 A Book at Bedtime: Queen of the Tambourine, by Jane Gardam. Read by Dorothy Tutin (1/10)
11.00 You Heard It Here First: Whose Line is it Anyway? Clive Anderson chairs the ad-lib comedy show. With John Sessions, Stephen Fry, Hugh Laurie and Enn Reitel (r)
11.30 Today in Parliament
12.00-12.43am News 12.27 Weather **12.33** Shipping **12.43** As World Service (LW only)

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RADIO 1
FM Stereo and MW. **4.00am** Bruno Brookes (FM only) **6.00** Mark Goodier **9.00** Simon Bates **12.30pm** Newsbeat **12.45** Jakki Brambles **3.00** Steve Wright in the Afternoon **6.00** Lynn Parsons's Mega Hits **6.30** News '93 **7.00** Steve Lamacq's Evening Session **9.00** Out on Blue Six **10.00** Nicky Campbell Goes into the Night **12.00** One for Freedom (r) (FM only) **12.30-4.00am** Bob Harris (FM only)

RADIO 2
FM Stereo. **5.00am** Sarah Kennedy **6.15** Pause for Thought **7.00** Wake Up to Wogan **9.15** Pause for Thought **9.30** Ken Bruce **11.30** Jimmy Young **2.00pm** Gloria Hunniford **3.30** Ed Stewart **5.05** John Dunn **7.00** Hubert Gregg says Thanks for the Memory **7.30** Dance Band Days, and at **8.00** Big Band Era **8.30** Radio 2 National Big Band Competition: All-Winners' Competition. The Midland Youth Jazz Orchestra under John Ruddick and the Doncaster Youth Jazz Orchestra under John Ellis **9.00** Humphrey Lyttelton with The Best of Jazz **10.00** Do You Come Here Often? **10.30** The Jamesons **12.05am** Jazz Parade **12.35** Steve Madden **3.00-5.00am** Alex Lester

RADIO 5
News and sport on the hour until **7.00pm**. **3.55am** Test Match Special **6.30** Morning Edition Update **6.45** Test Match Special **8.45** Morning Edition Update **9.05** Test Match Special **11.05** Johnnie Walker: The AM Alternative **12.30pm** Money Talk (r) **1.05** Schools: Topic Resources 5-7; **1.20** English 9-11; **1.40** Poetry Corner; **1.50** Let's Move!; **2.10** Active Science **2.30** A Game of Two Halves **4.30** Five Aside **6.30** Scrap Iron (r) **7.15** Glubbslyme, by Jacqueline Wilson (1/7) **7.30** Champion Sport **9.30** Black Museum **10.10** The Mix **12.00-12.10am** News; Sport **3.40** Test Match Special

WORLD SERVICE
All times in GMT. **4.30am** Waveguide **4.40** Travel and Weather **4.45** Programmes in German **5.30** Europe Today **5.59** Weather **6.00** News **6.14** Travel **6.15** The Week Ahead **6.25** Book Choice **6.30** Programmes in French **6.59** Weather **7.00** News **7.30** Gods, Guides and Gurus **8.00** News **8.10** Words of Faith **8.15** Health Matters **8.30** Anything Goes **9.00** News **9.05** Business Report **9.15** The Brain **9.30** Andy Kershaw's World of Music **9.45** Sports Roundup **10.00** It's Your World Phone-Ins **10.30** The Vintage Chart Show **11.00** News **11.29** Travel **11.30** BBC English **11.45** Mittagsmagazin **11.59** Business Update **Midday** News **12.10pm** Words of Faith **12.15** Ned Sherrin's Counterpoint **12.45** Sports Roundup **1.00** News **2.05** Outlook **2.30** Off the Shelf: Yakeh **2.45** Music from the Med **3.00** News **3.15** What's News? **3.30** After Independence **4.00** News **4.15** BBC English **4.30** Programmes in German **5.00** News and Business Report **5.14** Travel **5.15** BBC English **5.30** Programmes in French **6.00** News **6.30** Programmes in German **8.00** News **8.10** The World Today **8.25** Words of Faith **8.30** Europe Tonight **9.00** News **10.15** Meridian **10.45** Sports Roundup **11.00** News **11.05** Business Report **11.15** Images of Britain **11.30** Multitrack 1 **Midnight** News **12.30am** Quota, Unquote **1.00** News **1.05** Outlook **1.30** Folk Routes **1.45** Health Matters **2.00** News **2.30** Ned Sherrin's Counterpoint **3.00** News **3.15** Sports Roundup **3.30** John Peel **4.00** News **4.15** Health Matters

CLASSIC FM
6.00am Nick Bailey **9.00** Henry Kelly **12.00** Susannah Simons **2.00pm** Lunchtime Concerto: Beethoven (Triple Concerto); Mendelssohn (Hear My Prayer) **3.00** Alan Mann **6.00** Classic Reports with Margaret Howard **7.00** Music of Britain and Ireland. The English Song **8.00** Classic FM Concert: Ulster Orchestra under Handley performs Grieg (Peer Gynt Suite No 1); Elgar (Violin Concerto: Nigel Kennedy); Mozart (Symphony No 39) **10.00** Adrian Love **1.00-6.00am** André Leon

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BUSINESS

Shell to share possible £925m Japanese losses

BY COLIN NARBROUGH
WORLD TRADE CORRESPONDENT

■ Massive losses on unauthorised currency speculation at a Japanese associate company have forced Shell to take an initial charge of £131 million on 1992 results

POTENTIAL losses of £925 million on unauthorised foreign exchange speculation at a Japanese associate company have forced the Royal Dutch Shell group to take an initial net charge of £131 million on its 1992 results due out on Thursday. More charges are expected to follow.

Shell had only intended to disclose its huge exposure at Showa Shell Sekiyu, in which its 50 per cent interest makes it the biggest shareholder, in conjunction with its group results. But news of the embarrassing potential loss on a $6.4 billion mountain of forward yen-dollar contracts leaked out in Japan over the weekend, forcing Shell to bring forward the announcement.

Showa had informed Shell that there had been a "gross contravention of internal regulations" at the Japanese company's treasury department, a Shell spokesman in London said. An internal investigation has been launched at Showa and "disciplinary proceedings" are taking place, he said.

Actions have been taken, and are being taken, by Showa management to limit any additional exposure. These were not specified, but are likely to involve hedging instruments. Shell said it was not yet possible to quantify fully the further potential charges to its group accounts.

It was unclear yesterday whether any legal action will be taken against Showa management over the damaging currency speculation. While the size of the potential losses is spectacular by most yardsticks, the Japanese financial markets have in recent years been witness to alarming volatility and giant swings. British and American firms fought hard to secure places on the Tokyo stock exchange in the late eighties, only, in many cases, walking into a wall of high costs and disappointing business.

In a formal, delicately worded statement, Shell said that "adverse" movements in the currency markets had been the source of the problem. The forward contracts are for buying the American currency at various future dates at a price of Y145 per dollar. This compares with the market rate of Y125 at the end of last year and Y119 last Friday, the latest trading day.

Total potential losses, before tax relief and calculated to February 20, are estimated at Y160 billion, or £925 million. Shell is liable for half of the total risk. Shell said the charge it is making will be offset by a credit of £149 million due to a change of accounting treatment for Showa since January last year. The net book value of Shell's share of Showa is £228 million.

Showa, listed on the Tokyo stock exchange, reported income of £100 million in 1991, the most recent year for which figures are available. Net assets were £700 million and revenue was £8 billion.

The charge taken by Shell on its 1992 results is in recognition of the Y125 billion, or £725 million, potential loss from the Showa forward contracts last year. A Shell spokesman in London said the potential losses at Showa were not only the biggest such losses in Shell's history, but were unique in the group's experience.

In a formal statement, Shell said its directors viewed the matter with "concern" and that they support the actions by Showa to ensure that such a situation would not occur again. But the spokesman said the issue was being treated as "very, very serious". It was furthermore "unauthorised", he said.

The Shell group's net income in 1991 was £2.4 billion. Its earnings on a current cost supply basis, the more closely watched measure of its performance, were £2.9 billion.

SIMON WALKER

Attacked for not intervening to save jobs: Michael Heseltine, who came under fire from Labour's Robin Cook

British banks to help rescue DAF's continental operations

BY ROSS TIEMAN, INDUSTRIAL CORRESPONDENT

BRITISH banks are to take part in a £439 million rescue of the continental operations of the collapsed DAF lorry company.

National Westminster, Barclays and Lloyds are among a consortium of banks that will exchange loans to the defunct business for more than 15 per cent of the equity in a new group, DAF Trucks.

It was the refusal of the group's nine banks, including the three British ones, to take part in a £100 million capital injection that caused the company to go into administration on February 2.

The rescue package, detailed yesterday, provoked a renewed row over industrial policy because the British government's failure to contribute has led to the exclusion of DAF's UK plants.

It will secure 3,500 of the 6,500 jobs at the company's factories in The Netherlands and Belgium. But prospects for the 3,877 remaining employees of Leyland DAF, the British arm, are uncertain.

Louis Deterink, the Dutch administrator, and Cor Baan, DAF's chairman, regretted their inability to include the British plant at Leyland, Lancashire, because its products complement the range produced in Holland.

DAF said the "possibility of a supply contract with the Leyland plant in the UK under new third-party ownership with regard to the DAF 45 series will be very seriously considered by DAF Trucks".

Robin Cook, Labour's industry spokesman, attacked Michael Heseltine for his failure to intervene to save jobs, while Malcolm Bruce, the Liberal Democrats' spokesman, described the government's performance as "an absolute disgrace".

John Talbot, joint administrative receiver to Leyland DAF, said: "This would have offered a faster track solution." The UK receivers will now seek to restore production at Leyland and the Birmingham van plant, while sifting approaches from would-be buyers.

Efforts to find new owners for the plants, as well as the Albion axle works in Glasgow, will be made easier by agreements with administrators to the Dutch business. Leyland DAF has secured intellectual property rights needed for independent British operations, potential agreements to supply DAF Trucks with axles and components from the Albion plant, pressings from Birmingham and parts from Leyland, and a promise to study distribution of the 45 series light truck through the DAF network on the continent. If these can be confirmed, Leyland may have a baseload of about 10,000 trucks a year to underpin operations. The future of the van plant remains less certain.

The rescue package concluded at the weekend will have 450 million to 500 million guilders (£169 million to £188 million) of equity capital and up to 750 million guilders of borrowings.

The Dutch government will be the biggest single investor, injecting 195 million guilders. The Flemish state government in Belgium will invest 55 million guilders, plus a 20 million guilder subordinated loan. Bankers to the collapsed group will inject 45 million guilders, and a panel of four Dutch banks, headed by ABN/Amro, will provide 65 million guilders. Institutional investors will invest 50 million guilders, and suppliers, dealers and importers will add 37 million guilders.

The new company will build 10,000 medium and heavy trucks a year and have annual sales of 2 billion guilders. It will continue to seek a partner, particularly in the area of component procurement.

Dutch deal, page 1

Citicorp directors receive $5.5m

FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT IN NEW YORK

FOUR senior directors of Citicorp were paid salary and bonuses totalling more than $5.5 million last year as America's largest bank moved from loss to profit.

John Reed, its chairman, was paid a salary of $1.035 million and a $1.15 million bonus, his first for three years. He is also granted $6 million worth of share options, which, if cashed today, would give him an instant profit of $566,000.

However, in a major change of plan, Prince Al-Waleed bin Talal of Saudi Arabia is selling a third of his stake in the bank for a profit of up to $160 million.

The sale will cut his holding to less than the 10 per cent level that requires the approval of the Federal Reserve Board, the bank regulator. Last month, the prince applied to the Fed to retain his entire 15 per cent stake. But his application was withdrawn last Thursday.

Federal laws governing foreign stakes in American banks have been strengthened since the Bank of Credit and Commerce International collapsed 20 months ago.

Foreign applicants have to provide detailed financial and personal information, and are subject to extensive background checks, which include investigation by the Central Intelligence Agency, Drug Enforcement Administration and Interpol. This process can take between six month and a year.

The prince built his holding in 1990, pumping $800 million into the then loss-making bank that was mired in bad loans to property developers and management buyouts.

According to filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission, the prince intends to sell between 9.2 million and 12.8 million Citicorp shares in the next three months.

He bought 16.6 million at $12.40 each and paid $16 a share for a further 36.87 million. Citicorp shares closed last week at $26.25. At this price, his remaining stake would be worth just over $1 billion.

Citicorp staged a $1.2 billion turnround from a $457 million loss to a $722 million profit last year. Wall Street expects it to earn a $1.6 billion profit this year and $2.2 billion next.

Peugeot Talbot lays off 3,500

BY KEVIN EASON, MOTORING CORRESPONDENT

PEUGEOT Talbot is to lay off almost 3,500 car workers from tomorrow, amid signs of a slowdown in exports that could affect other British car makers soon. Production workers at Peugeot's plant at Ryton, near Coventry, will be sent home tonight for four days to cut output by 1,700 cars, worth £16.5 million.

Peugeot is the first car manufacturer to announce layoffs because of the drop in exports; it may not be the last. Vauxhall, Rover, Land Rover and Ford have all built up impressive export sales. These have helped to offset the effects of recession at home.

Nissan, Toyota and Honda have invested almost £2 billion between them in UK car plants aimed at winning sales on the Continent. Their ambitions to make a total of 800,000 cars a year by the mid-1990s could be scaled back if there is a big slowdown in European markets.

The Ryton factory, which makes mid-range 405 saloons, has been one of Britain's most successful exporters, sending 70 per cent of its output abroad. But car sales in France, Spain, Italy and Germany have slackened.

The Retail Motor Industry Federation forecasts that UK sales will rise to about 1.67 million this year, from 1.6 million in 1992. An increase of 70,000 registrations is unlikely to offset the losses manufacturers face abroad.

Peugeot faces an all-out pay strike by assembly line workers, who have rejected an offer of 3.5 per cent this year plus 3.5 per cent next.

Lead on the menu with breakfast at Tiffany's

FROM PHILIP ROBINSON IN NEW YORK

TIFFANY & Co, Manhattan's Fifth Avenue jewellery group, is trying to contact more than 400 customers worldwide after discovering the lead content of some of its most expensive china could be more than 100 times the American legal limit.

The move is part of an international recall of plates by the store, which has already contacted more than 400 American customers to recall the products after what was described as "eye popping" levels of lead content found in some plates of the 24-pattern Private Stock collection.

Tiffany's said it was contacting "about a dozen" customers in the UK.

The exclusive, made-to-order, hand-painted plates cost $1,200 for a five-place dinner setting. Tiffany's said it had sold the brand for years.

But two months ago, the Environmental Defense Fund, the pressure group based in America, which led the fight to have the lead content in Wedgwood products reduced, spent $350 to include one plate of Tiffany's top line in its routine china tests.

David Roe, EDF senior attorney, said on Friday: "It was eye-popping and enormously in excess of the level permitted by Federal law, which shows how often the Food and Drug Administration shop on Fifth Avenue. We found one hand-painted pattern with the highest lead-leaching results we'd seen in over a year of testing."

On a US Food and Drug Administration lead-content scale, any figure above three has to be recalled. One Tiffany's plate registered several hundred times that level.

Other plates tested later did not quite reach that figure but were substantially higher than the legal limit.

Michael Kowalski, Tiffany's executive vice-president, said: "We stopped selling the line on December 8, immediately we were satisfied that many of the plates had a lead content in excess of the FDA limits.

"The time it took to launch the recall this week was agreeing the text of the recall letter with the FDA. These plates are not usually used for every day dining, many of them are bought by collectors.

"All but about 10 per cent of the customers we have contacted have either elected to keep the plates, or exchange them.

"The others have wanted a refund or an exchange for something else. No one has complained or threatened legal action."

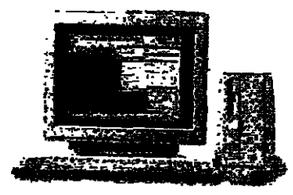
Tiffany's does not carry out routine checks on the lead content of its china.

Mr Kowalski said: "We rely on the manufacturer's certificate, which says the product meets all legal requirements. Our error here was to rely on the certification from the manufacturer, which is a 15-man firm in France which produces exclusively for us."

Tiffany's will not say how much the recall is costing, but says it covers sales of 1/10 of a per cent, which is about £350,000 and covers Private Stock foodware but not Private Stock giftware or Tiffany & Co's own-brand china.

MORSE

21st Century Office.



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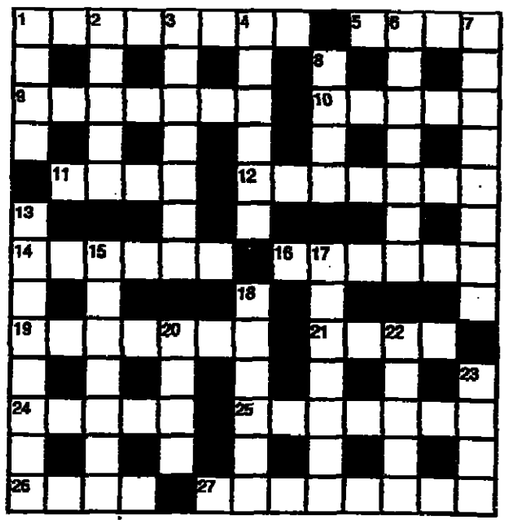
CONCISE CROSSWORD NO 3028

ACROSS
1 Ethnic group killing (8)
5 Hot springs gem (4)
9 In all but name (7)
10 Guitar plucking noise (5)
11 Not that (4)
12 Guillotine cart (7)
14 Extreme poverty (6)
16 Paid announcement (6)
19 Extract (7)
21 Immoral trait (4)
24 Opinions (5)
25 Sully (7)
26 Mislaid (4)
27 Stroke (8)

DOWN
1 Yield (4)
2 US "Free States" (5)
3 Fast medium warship (7)
4 Strike out (6)
6 Central US plain (7)
7 Lawful state (8)
8 Minute fragment (4)
13 Violent change (8)
15 Core (7)
17 Progress (7)
18 Increase (4,2)
20 Make haste (4)
22 Uncouth (5)
23 Extremely (4)



SOLUTIONS TO NO 3027

ACROSS: 1 Paradise 7 Put on 8 Tempt fate 9 Ufo 10 Hail 11 Splint 13 Tussle 14 Ransom 19 Figure 20 Lean 21 Oar 23 Test pilot 24 Shady 25 Vortices

DOWN: 1 Potshot 2 Remains 3 Date 4 Swamps 5 Stout 6 Snood 7 Pelican 12 Flighty 15 Shellac 16 Minutes 17 Fresco 18 Boast 19 Friar 22 Spit

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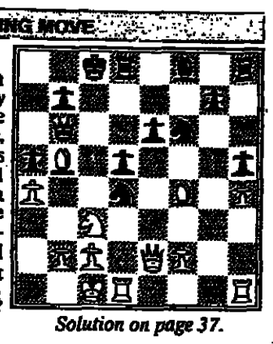
WINNING MOVE

By Raymond Keene

Current world champion Gary Kasparov's style of play is highly reminiscent of the brilliant Alexander Alekhine, whom Kasparov has always claimed as his intellectual mentor. This position is a variation from the game Nimzowitsch – Alekhine, Vilna 1912. Alekhine avoided this position, as his opponent had prepared a cunning trap. What did he have in mind? White to play.



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WORD-WATCHING

By PHILIP HOWARD

HISTORICALS

MRS MORLEY
a. The left fist
b. Queen Anne's pen-name
c. Clementine Walkinshaw's pseudonym

THORN
a. A Barchester clergyman
b. An obsolete letter
c. Children of the Norse god

JAMIE THE ROVER
a. The Old Pretender
b. Leif the Lucky's companion
c. A privateer pal of Decatur

GENTLEMAN JOHNNY
a. An 18th-century highwayman
b. A South Atlantic shark
c. An English general

Answers on page 37

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